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THE PRESIDENCY.

The Sad Effect of the News Upon the "Post's" Rooster.

The Electoral Colleges in Session.

HAYES AND WHEELER HAVE 185 VOTES.

And the Democracy in Vain Attempting all Sorts of Dodges to Change the Result.

THE REPUBLICAN PYRAMID!

OHIO.
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RHODE ISLAND.
MASSACHUSETTS.
SOUTH CAROLINA.
NEW HAMPSHIRE.

PENNSYLVANIA.

HARRISBURG, December 6.—The Pennsylvania electors met in the Senate chamber to day. Daniel J. Morrill being absent, Henry A. Boggs was chosen in his stead as elector. The unanimous vote of the college was cast for Rutherford B. Hayes for President and Wm. A. Wheeler for Vice President. Wm. Cameron was selected to act as messenger to convey the certificate of the college to Washington.

OREGON.

PORLAND, December 6. — Governor Grover to-day issued certificates to two Hayes electors and one Tilden elector, Cronin. The two Hayes electors declined to meet with Cronin, whereupon the latter, who held all three certificates, appointed two Republicans to act in their places. The two whom he appointed met with him, received their certificates, and then all voted for President—two for Hayes and Cronin for Tilden.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 6.—The *Bulletin* has the following special from Portland:

A dispatch from Salem says the Secretary of State has given Cronin, the Democratic Elector having the highest number of votes, a certificate. The two Republican Electors refused to act with him, and assembled and supplied the vacancy. The Republicans voted for Hayes. Cronin appointed two Democrats to act with him and cast the vote of the State for Tilden.

The *Post's* special from Salem says at noon to-day the Secretary of State delivered to D. A. Cronin, Democratic candidate for Elector, contesting the seat of J. W. Watts, Postmaster, a certificate of his appointment as elector, which is evidence that Gov. Grover has ousted Watts. The six Electoral candidates then assembled in the committee room of the Senate chamber. After half an hour one of the Republican Electors, W. H. O'Dell, came out and went to the office of the Secretary of State to demand a certified copy of the certificates, for it seems the certificate included the name of Cronin, Democrat, and W. K. O'Dell and J. C. Cartwright, Republican, and as the latter demanded to see and hold the certificate, and Cronin refused to let them have it, nothing could be done about it. At this time Cornin left the room where the Electors were assembled, and took a stroll around town.

Later—The story further goes on to state that when the electors were met, O'Dell and Cartwright refused to act with Cronin, when he (Cronin) declared a vacancy and elected J. N. T. Miller and H. Parker to fill the places of the electors, and a vote being taken, Cronin voted for Tilden and Hendricks, and the two others for Hayes and Wheeler. Cartwright and O'Dell first accepted the resignation of elector Watts, then elected him to fill the vacancy, and cast the vote of the State for Hayes and Wheeler. There is great excitement. The Republicans are indignant at the Governor's action.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 6.—Later advices from Salem, Oregon, confirm the report that the Governor issued a certificate to O'Dell and Cartwright, Republicans, and Cronin, Democrat. The latter declined to show his authority at the meeting of the electors, and the Republicans refused to recognize him. Cronin then elected J. N. T. Miller and John Parker, Republicans, as electors, and proceeded to cast the vote—two for Hayes and one for Tilden. The Republicans organized. Watts resigned, but was at once re-elected, and the vote cast for Hayes and Wheeler, which, with their sworn statement and copies of the abstract of votes cast in the State, certified to by the Secretary of State's seal, were sealed and sent.

Intense excitement prevails. An outbreak is expected by many, who went to the State House prepared for any emergency.

The Republicans are holding an indignation meeting to-night.

VERMONT.

MONTPELIER, Vt., December 6.—Aldrich, the contesting elector, appeared this morning with counsel before the Electoral College. The counsel informed the college that Aldrich wished to take part in the deliberations and to protest against Henry N. Sollace taking any part. Roswell Farnham objected to hearing outside parties, and the college proceeded to ballot. Aldrich offered his vote for Tilden and Hendricks, but it was refused. Five votes were declared for Hayes and Wheeler. Aldrich called the special attention of the chairman to the fact that he offered his vote. George Nicholas was appointed messenger to carry the votes to the President of the Senate. The college refused to hear anything from the counsel for Aldrich, and adjourned.

Aldrich submitted a protest to the electors of Vermont against the action of the board in permitting Sollace to vote, and excluding him from voting. Aldrich asked Nicholas to carry his vote to Washington, and was refused. He then appointed himself messenger, and signed his own certificate of votes, which was in common form, and gave Nicholas notice that he should go to Washington at the same time he did and present his vote, and fight it out in Congress. Aldrich has not been sworn in as an elector.

FLORIDA.

SAVANNAH, GA., December 6.—A special from Tallahassee says the testimony and argument being closed at 11 o'clock on Monday, the board commenced canvassing the returns in secret session at 10 o'clock on Tuesday. At two o'clock this morning the board adjourned, and announced that the Hayes electors were elected by 946 majority. These returns defeat Drew by twenty-four votes, but will leave the Democrats a majority of five on joint ballot in the Legislature. Colonel Cocker refused to sign the certificate of the Hayes electors, and entered a protest against the action of the other two members of the board. He then issued certificates of election to the Democratic electors, who met and cast the vote for Tilden, relying on the people and Congress to sustain their action. There is much suppressed indignation among the people, though there are no indications of violence.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

COLUMBIA, December 6.—The Hayes Electoral College met at noon, and cast seven votes for R. B. Hayes for President and seven votes for W. A. Wheeler for Vice President. C. C. Bowen was chosen President of the College.

COLUMBIA, December 6.—The Democratic electors met at 12 M., and after a long session cast the vote of the State for Tilden and Hendricks, and entered a protest in the mandamus case against Secretary of State Hayne, compelling him to deliver the election returns to Speaker Mackey, as the Supreme Court decided.

MISSOURI.

ST. LOUIS, December 6.—The Presidential electors met at Jefferson City to-day and cast the solid vote for Tilden and Hendricks. Gen. Frost, of the Third district of this city, the alleged ineligible elector, was not present, his place being filled by Legrand Atwood, his alternate. Charles G. Steifel, Republican elector of the same district, was present and offered his certificate of the vote cast in the district, but it was tabled. E. V. Conway was selected Messenger to convey the vote to Washington.

VIRGINIA.

RICHMOND, VA., December 6.—The Presidential electors for Virginia met in the State Capitol to-day. H. C. Allen was elected to fill the vacancy in the college caused by the absence of T. W. M. Holliday, one of the electors at large. The unanimous vote of the electors was cast for Tilden and Hendricks.

LOUISIANA.

NEW ORLEANS, December 6.—The Hayes and Wheeler electors, bearing certificates from Governor Kellogg, met in the Senate chamber and cast their unanimous votes for Hayes and Wheeler. The Tilden and Hendricks electors, with certificates signed by Jno. McEnery, Governor, met in the House of Representatives, and voted unanimously for Tilden and Hendricks.

MICHIGAN.

DETROIT, MICH., December 6.—The Electoral College of Michigan met in the State Capitol at Lansing, at noon to-day. All the members, with one exception, were present. Daniel Crosswell was elected to fill the vacancy. The votes were cast for Hayes and Wheeler.

OHIO.

COLUMBUS, December 6.—The Ohio Electors assembled at the Senate Chamber at 12 o'clock, and cast their twenty-two votes for Hayes and Wheeler. Benj. F. Wade was unanimously chosen as messenger to carry the official notification of the result of the vote to Washington.

RHODE ISLAND.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., December 26.—The electors of this State met at Bristol this afternoon, and cast four votes for Hayes and Wheeler. Mr. Corliss declined the position of elector, and the vacancy was filled by electing W. S. Slater, who was also elected by the General Assembly.

ARKANSAS.

LITTLE ROCK, December 6.—Six members of the Arkansas Electoral College met at the Capitol to-day, and cast their solid vote for Tilden and Hendricks. Hon. Pollard Dunn, one of the electors, was chosen as messenger to carry the vote to Washington.

INDIANA.

INDIANAPOLIS, December 6.—The Electoral College organized to-day with Thos. H. Harrison as President, and Wm. D. Bynum as Secretary. The vote was cast for Tilden and Hendricks, and John S. Scobey was chosen as messenger.

KANSAS.

TOPEKA, KS., December 6.—The Kansas Electoral College met to-day, and cast their vote for Hayes and Wheeler. J. B. Johnson was appointed to take the vote to Washington.

NORTH CAROLINA.

RALEIGH, N. C., December 6.—The Electoral College of this State met to-day and cast its ten votes for Tilden and Hendricks.

WEST VIRGINIA.

WHEELING, December 6.—The Presidential Electors of this State met to-day at this place and cast their five ballots for Tilden.

CALIFORNIA.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 6.—The Republican electors met at Sacramento to-day, and cast their votes for Hayes and Wheeler.

MINNESOTA.

ST. PAUL, December 6.—The five electors of Minnesota met at 12 o'clock, noon, to-day, and cast their votes for Hayes and Wheeler.

COLORADO.

DENVER, December 6.—The Presidential Electors for Colorado met here to-day, cast their vote for Hayes and Wheeler, and appointed Otto Mears as messenger.

WISCONSIN.

MILWAUKEE, December 6.—The electors met at Madison at noon to-day, and cast ten votes for Hayes for President and ten votes for Wheeler for Vice President.

NEW YORK.

ALBANY, N. Y., December 6.—The Electoral College voted for Tilden and Hendricks.

MARYLAND.

ANNAPOLIS, December 6.—The vote of the Electoral College was cast for Tilden and Hendricks.

ALABAMA.

MONTGOMERY, December 6.—The Democratic electors met to-day and voted for Tilden and Hendricks.

TENNESSEE.

NASHVILLE, December 6.—The Tennessee electors met and cast twelve votes for Tilden and Hendricks.

NEW JERSEY.

TRENTON, N. J., December 6.—The State electors met to-day and cast nine votes for Tilden and Hendricks.

KENTUCKY.

LOUISVILLE, December 6.—A Frankfort special says the electors met and cast their vote for Tilden to-day.

NEVADA.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 6.—The Nevada electors met at Carson and voted for Hayes and Wheeler.

ILLINOIS.

SPINGFIELD, December 6.—The Illinois Electoral College cast her twenty-one votes to-day for Hayes and Wheeler.

MASSACHUSETTS.

BOSTON, MASS., December 6.—The Electoral College of this State cast its unanimous vote for Hayes and Wheeler.

DELAWARE.

WISMINGTON, December 6.—The Delaware electors met at Dover to-day and cast their votes for Tilden and Hendricks.

MAINE.

AUGUSTA, December 6.—The Electoral College voted for Hayes and Wheeler.

CONNECTICUT.

HARTFORD, December 6.—The Electoral College voted for Tilden and Hendricks.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

CONCORD, December 6.—The Electoral College cast its vote for Hayes and Wheeler.

WASHINGTON TOPICS.

Changes in Senate Committees.

The principal changes in the membership of Senate Committees are those caused by the resignation of Senator Morrill and the death of Senator Carpton. Mr. Windom becomes Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations, vice Secretary Morrill, and Mr. Blaine is made a member of this committee, and also of the Committee on Naval Affairs, of which Secretary Morrill was a member. Mr. Dawes is assigned to the place vacated by Mr. Morrill on the Indian Committee. Mr. Boutwell retires from the Committee on Commerce and from the special committee to examine the several branches of the civil service, Mr. Dawes taking his place on the former and Mr. Harvey succeeding him as chairman of the latter. Mr. Mitchell, of Oregon, is made Chairman of the Committee on Transportation Routes to the Seaboard, vice Mr. Windom, who resigns, but retains his place on the committee. Senator Price is assigned to Mr. Caperton's position on the Claims, Railroads and Revision of Laws Committees. Mr. Chaffee is placed on Territories, Patents and Mines and Mining, and Mr. Teller on Claims and Pensions.

Impeachment.

The Democrats at a caucus yesterday talked of impeaching President Grant. A committee will report on the subject to-day.

Marine News.

NEW YORK, December 6.—Arrived—The steamship Ethiopia, from Glasgow.

LONDON, December 6.—The steamships Helvetia and Alsatia, from New York, and Moravian, from Montreal, have arrived from Liverpool on Saturday last for Boston, has put back with a broken shaft.

SOUTHAMPTON, December 6.—The steamship Hermann, from New York, has arrived.

LOUISIANA,

The Republican Committee Reports to the President.

SHOWING HOW THE DEMOCRATS EXPECTED VICTORY.

Through Murder, Whippings, Violence and Terrorism.

But were Defeated by the Just Canvass of the Returning Board.

WASHINGTON, December 6.—The President to-day sent a brief message of five or six lines to the House, calling attention to an accompanying letter from the Republican Committee who had visited New Orleans, at his request, to see the count of the election returns.

The letter is a very voluminous document. It refers in detail to the reception accorded them by the Returning Board, highly compliments the Board for its courtesy, and for the opportunity it gave for the fullest scrutiny of the returns. It also notes in detail how the returns were opened in the presence of the witnesses, that each party was allowed to examine them, that the counsel for the opposing candidates were allowed to closely inspect all returns, and to witness the opening of each, that everything that the Board could do was done to give all parties full opportunity to point out any irregularity, or give proof of any false returns, and no greater liberty could have been given than was given the visitors for both parties in inspecting the opening of the returns.

The Committee then discussed at length the murders and outrages in the campaign of 1868, which led to the organization of the Returning Board,—in which over 2,000 colored persons were either killed, wounded or otherwise injured, and then dwells at length upon the powers of the Board. The law is very stringent, and was acquiesced in by both parties By it the Board is made a judicial tribunal to pass upon the character of the returns, and is empowered in every case where there is a doubt of fraud or intimidation to throw out the polls. Its exposition of the law is, not merely to tabulate such returns as are sent in, but to pass upon the character of the returns.

Committee dwell at length upon the fact that the Board while it may reject cannot add any votes, and shows that this works to the apvantage of the Democrats. They can select parishes where there are Republican majorities and by fraud they can have the whole vote thrown out, leaving the rest of the State undisturbed whereby they might gain the victory. This was the exact plan they tried at the last election.

The letter next takes up and gives a brief sketch of the members of the Board, the salient fetures of which have already been noted, and says.

We will now present such an outline of proofs as discloses not only such violence and intimidation as prevented a fair election in several parishes and at many polls, but disclose also that these grave offences were committed in pursuance of a preconcerted and selected plan formed by the Democratic leaders to prevent Republican voters from attending the polls, and that such unlawful purpose was so effectually accomplished as not only to interfere with the purity and freedom of the election, but materially to change the result.

A Democratic Circular.

To illustrate how carefully the political campaign was considered and the plan mentioned contrived by the leaders of the Democratic party, it is instructive to refer to a circular issued from the rooms of the Democratic Conservative State Central Committee at New Orleans, marked "confidential," and signed by J. W. Patten, President, and P. J. Joor recording Secretary, intended for circulation in each parish, and recommending the formation of ward clubs therein. These circulars urged that "in conversation no gloomy forebodings should be indulged in, and that the result of the election should be spoken of as a foregone conclusion, as we have means of carrying the election and intend to do so, but be careful to say and do nothing that can be construed into a threat or intimidation of any character." The circular also recommended that there should be frequent meetings of all the clubs to be formed, and that they occasionally form at their several places of meeting and proceed thence on horseback to the general rendezvous, stating that proceedings of this character would impress the negro with a sense of your unity and strength, and it further recommended that on the day of election at each polling place there should be affidavits prepared to the effect that "there has been no intimidation and no disturbance on account of any efforts by the Democratic Conservative party to prevent any one from voting on account of race, color or previous condition of servitude." Thus carefully guided from the central Democratic authority by this secret and confidential circular, to be made to impress on the simid blacks by horseback processions a sense of the united strength of their former masters, and warned to prepare blank affidavits in advance that no terrorism had been exercised, the next and not least important part of the scheme of these leaders was to select parishes where, "having the means to carry the election and intending to use them," as stated in the circular, they could do so with the most effect. There were in the State of Louisiana on the 1st day of Nov. 92,989 white registered voters and 115,310 colored, a majority of the latter of 22,314. It was well known that if left free to vote uninfluenced by violence or intimidation, the blacks would be almost unanimously Republican, and that with the white Republican vote its majority would be about equal to that above indicated. The plan appears to have been to select for purposes of

Intimidation and Violence

as few parishes as possible, for in forty of fifty-seven parishes where these were not employed the Republican majority was six hundred; but to select those in which the colored vote, as compared with the white, would be large unless unlawfully prevented, for in so doing it might be expected that should any majority they could thus obtain in such parishes be rejected, they thereby would nevertheless attain their purpose by the suppression of a large Republican vote. In pursuance of this plan, five of the parishes selected in which the greatest violence and intimidation were practiced were East and West Feliciana, which border upon that portion of Mississippi in which murder and outrages so prevailed during and preceding the Presidential campaign as to defeat a Republican vote; East Baton Rouge, which borders on the southern portion of East Feliciana; Morehouse, which adjoins the State of Arkansas, and Ouachita, which adjoins and lies directly south of Morehouse. The geographical position of these five parishes was well suited to the purpose to be attained, for it was easy for members of clubs to be formed therein, and who usually

Perpetrated Their Outrages With Masked Faces

to pretend that they were committed by border ruffians from Mississippi and Arkansas, where like outrages had been perpetrated. The location of these five parishes was not, however, better suited to the plan to be accomplished than was the great disproportion existing therein between the number of white and colored voters. The former numbered but 5,134; the latter 13,244 —a majority of the latter equal to more than one-third of the entire majority of colored voters in the fifty-seven parishes of the State. The returns of votes actually cast in these five parishes suggest that the clubs to whom were assigned the task of securing the Democratic majorities therein had performed their work of violence and intimidation effectually, whilst the proof discloses, brief summaries of portions of which are hereto annexed, that where violence and intimidation were inefficient, murder, malice, mutilation and whipping were resorted to. Instead of a majority of six or seven thousand which the Republicans should have had in these parishes upon a fair election, there was actually returned to the Returning Board a Democratic majority for the parishes of East and West Feliciana, Moorhouse and Ouachita of 3,878, and in East Feliciana, where the registered colored voters number 2,127, not a Republican vote for elector was cast. In East Baton Rouge, containing 3,652 colored registered voters, and but 1,801 whites, the Democrats claim a majority of 617, which but for the rejection of several polls by the commissioners and supervisors of election would have been returned to the Returning Board as votes actually cast. If to the Democratic majority from the four parishes as above stated we add the 617 thus claimed and insisted upon before the Returning Board, a Democratic majority of 4,495 is the result of an election in five parishes containing 13,244 colored Republicans and 5,134 white Democratic voters.

The Conclusion

that intimidation and violence alone could have produced this is almost irresistible, and that such influences were employed and were supplemented by murder when that was thought necessary is established by the proofs already referred to. It but confirms this conclusion to refer to the vote cast in these five parishes in 1874, when no special motives existed for the use of cruel means to influence the election. The Republican majority therein was then 3,979. A result so suggestive of violence and intimidation was obtained by means the most terrible and revolting. Organized

Clubs of Masked and Armed Men

formed, as recommended by the Central Democratic Committee, rode through the country at night, marking their course by whipping, shooting, wounding, maiming, mutilation and the murder of women and children, defenceless, whose houses were forcibly entered whilst they slept, and as their inmates fled through fear, the pistol and the rifle, the knife and the rope were employed to do their horrid work. Crimes like these, testified to by scores of witnesses, were the means employed in Louisiana to elect a President of the United States. By the force of a large mass of testimony, upon which that adjudication has been reached, the members of the board, acting under oath, were bound by law, if convinced by the testimony that riot, tumult, acts of violence or armed disturbance did materially interfere with the purity and freedom of the election at any poll or voting place, or did materially change the result of the election thereat, to reject votes thus cast, and exclude them from the final return. Of the effect of such testimony the board was the sole and final judge, and if in reaching a conclusion it exercised good faith and was guided by an honest desire to do justice, its determination should be respected, even if upon like proof a different conclusion might have been reached by other tribunals or persons. To guard the purity of the ballot, to protect the citizen in the free and peaceful exercise of right to vote, to secure him against violence, intimidation, outrage, and especially murder, when he attempts to perform this duty, should be the desire of all men and the aim of every representative government. If political success shall be attained by such violent and terrible means as were resorted to in many parishes of Louisiana, complaint should not be made if votes thus obtained are denounced by judicial tribunals and all men as illegal and void.

(Signed) JNO. SHERMAN, Ohio,
E. W. STOUGHTON, N. Y.,
J. H. VANCE, N. Y.,
EUGENE HALE, Me.,
J. A. GARFIELD, Ohio,
CORTLAND PARKER, N. J.,
W. D. KELLEY, Pa.,
SIDNEY CLARK,
J. C. WILSON, Kansas.

DOWN IN DIXIE.

That Same Old Coon.

Wade Hampton's Ebullition of Temper.

Which Gives a Clear Indication of the Democratic Spirit.

SOUTH CAROLINA STILL BLESSED WITH A DUAL LEGISLATURE.

But all Yet Quiet at Columbia.

Florida Sends Greeting to Hayes and Wheeler.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Fire-eating Would-be Governor's Speech.

NEW YORK, December 6.—Wade Hampton, in his speech in Columbia last night, said to the people: I am supported by the property owners of the State and by good men of all classes. Two months ago I said I would submit my claims before the people of South Carolina, and if elected Governor, that by the eternal God I would have my place; since when, in spite of frauds and falsehood, all the powers of the State Government and the bayonets of President Grant, I have been, by 75,000 white men and 17,000 colored men, chosen to be Governor of the State of South Carolina, and Governor I will be. The ballot box has announced the decree of the people, and I will be their Governor, or they shall have a military Government.

The Democratic House.

COLUMBIA, December 6.—The Democratic House is in session in Carolina Hall, and has sent word to another member who asserted Mackey's House, making sixty-three, being the constitutional quorum holding certificates from the Board of Canvassers. The Supreme Court has decided the Democratic House to be the legal House of Representatives, and will issue a mandamus compelling the Secretary of State to turn over the returns for Governor and Lieutenant-Governor to Speaker Wallace.

COLUMBIA, December 6.—The Mackey House passed the bill to third reading allowing the Governor to be sworn in by any officer qualified to administer an oath. The law requires the Chief Justice to perform that duty.

The Democratic House is in session at Carolina Hall. After swearing in the sixty-third member, who deserted the Mackey House, giving them a constitutional quorum, appointed a Committee on Privileges and Elections, to which was referred the legality of the elections in the counties of Edgefield and Laurens.

Adjourned.

LOUISIANA.

Address by Gen. Nicholls.

NEW ORLEANS, December 6.—General Francis T. Nicholls has issued an address to the people of Louisiana, counselling them to pursue a policy of peace for the vindication of their rights. Speaking as duly elected Governor, he says:

In the midst of events vitally and injuriously affecting your highest and most sacred rights, you have been calm, prudent and law-abiding. The sole moving consideration with every citizen should be the good of the State and the perpetuation of Republican institutions. All action based on any other idea is unworthy of the occasion. Need I remind you there are moments in the history of every people where the highest courage and most exalted devotion are best exemplified by a noble self-control? The final triumph of the right rests and depends on allowing results to be worked out by quiet, legal methods.

FLORIDA.

Anxious for the Investigation.

NEW YORK, December 6.—A Tallahassee dispatch says Mr. Pasco, chairman of the Democratic Committee, telegraphed to Speaker Randall yesterday to hurry the committee up, as important witnesses were in the city and could be held for a few days.

All the Republican Candidates Elected.

WASHINGTON, December 6.—The following has just been received:

TALLAHASSEE, Dec. 6, 1876.

The count has just been finished. Hayes' majority is 930. The Republicans elect the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and both members of Congress. All is quiet.

(Signed) LEW WALLACE.

THE BROOKLYN HORROR.

The Great Holocaust in the Burned Theatre.

An Appalling Loss of Life.

Over 300 Persons Roasted to Death.

Awful Scenes of Terror and Confusion.

The Exits Blocked Up by a Bleeding Mass of People.

WHOLE FAMILIES SACRIFICED TO THE FLAMES.

The Bodies Burned Beyond Recognition.

NEW YORK, December 6.—The fire in the Brooklyn Theatre last night was attended by an appalling loss of life, and many persons were killed in the rush to the exits, or burned to death, being unable to escape. The fire broke out during the performance of the last scene of the "Two Orphans," in which Miss Claxton, who plays the part of the heroine, who lies on a boat house floor. In five minutes more the audience would have been dismissed, and there would have been nothing more serious to record than the destruction of property. The house was about two-thirds filled, those below sitting well forward toward the stage. For those in the family circle, dress circle, and galleries there was no way of escape, except by Washington street. The panic-stricken people rushed pell-mell towards and down the stairways. The main exit became immediately choked up, and

A Scene of Terror, Confusion and Distress

ensued which beggars description. Just above the landing place of the stairway a woman in the crush had her foot crushed between the banisters and fell. The crowd behind, forced forward by terrified people still further behind, fell over her, and piled on top of each other four or five deep. The police from the station house next door were promptly at the scene, but owing to the manner in which the people were piled upon the top of each other and massed together they could extricate comparatively few, and these were all bruised, bleeding and maimed.

Removing the Dead.

The firemen got to work on the ruins shortly after daylight this morning. They succeeded in getting as far as the "fall" of the dress circle, where they found a great number of bodies, and immediately began the work of removal, and up till eleven o'clock sixty-five bodies had been recovered, and what appeared to be twenty or thirty more were seen in the basement, into which they had been precipitated by the falling of the burning floors. At the police station adjoining the burned theatre the names of eighty-six persons missing from their homes have been registered.

An Actress' Statement.

Kate Claxton, at the preliminary inquiry of the fire marshal, said: "At the beginning of the last act, just as the curtain went up, I heard a rumbling noise on the stage, and two minutes after I saw flames. The fire seemed to be all on the stage. Mrs. Farren, myself, Mr. Studley and Mr. Murdock were on the stage at this time. We four remained there, and endeavored as best we could to quiet the audience and prevent a panic. I said the people must be quiet. We are between you and the fire. The front door is open and the passages are clear. Not one of the audience jumped on the stage. The flames were then coming down on us. I ran out and jumped over several people. Mr. H. S. Murdock, after endeavoring to calm the fears of the panic-stricken people, went to his dressing room to get his clothing, and must have been suffocated."

Identifying the Dead.

The Brooklyn *Eagle* furnishes the following:

The work of identifying the dead will be difficult, for most of them are burned beyond recognition. The only mode of identifying will be by personal property found attached to the bodies. Thus far it is only evident that the flames made common havoc with men, women and children. Shortly before nine o'clock Rev. Father Hanley visited the theatre, and among the bodies recognised a brother of Rev. Father Kylee. Father Kylee was present, and identified the body of his brother. The body was taken from the ruins, charred and blackened beyond recognition. In the breast pocket of the coat were a number of cards bearing the name of Abraham Barrett in German characters. Bodies are constantly being removed from the ruins, and taken to the Morgue as fast as possible. It is rumored that a number of attaches of the theatre are burned. It seems certain that Charles Lord and his son, who were stationed in the upper gallery, are among the lost. The actors and actresses escaped from the stage into Johnson street.

The Stage Manager's Account.

J. W. Thorp, stage manager, states that the fire occurred in this wise: A drop was ignited from the border light by some means inexplicable, as one was guarded from the other. He immediately directed Stage Carpenter Weaver and two supernumeries to endeavor to extinguish the flames, but the difficulty was to reach the part on fire. The stage carpenter, with the supernumeries, essayed to effect the object by lowering the drop, and in so doing added fuel to the flames. The scene, the last in the play, embraced a ceiled apartment, and the instant the burning drop came in contact with the inflammable ceiling it served to spread the existing flames. In a flash, as though powder had been previously scattered about the scenery, the entire properties were in a blaze. The usual avenues of escape were thus summarily closed at the rear, and an exit, if at all possible, had to be made by way of the box entrance. All except perhaps one or two thus escaped.

Heartrending Scenes.

Wagon loads of rough boxes arrived in front of the theatre, and the corpses were placed in them, and covered with a tarpaulin and carried to the Morgue. The scene grows more terrible every minute. Men and women are crowding around the station house and the theatre entrance, making inquiries for missing friends. In some instances whole families have perished. The bodies present every form of contortion, just as they stiffened in the last agony when the floor gave way and they plunged down in the blinding smoke and flames. Arms and legs are bent and twisted in every way. Hands are clenched and reach out as if grasping for help.

Horrible Discovery.

The *Post* says: At about 11 o'clock a horrible discovery was made. In the middle of what was called the lobby of the theatre lay an immense pile of rubbish, smouldering beams, fragments of girders and other things. This heap was nearly opposite the principal entrance to the auditory of the theatre. Beyond it was another heap, marking the place where the stairs which led to the gallery fell. Under the heap first mentioned, a dead body was found, and the firemen diligently prosecuted their search in this direction. With much labor some of the heaviest lumber was removed, and a horrible sight was revealed. Beneath that mound corpses lay in rows heaped one upon the other, packed together with fearful solidity, which told of the great pressure to which they had been subjected. How many lay there, what their sex or age, no man could tell, and at noon only guesses could be made. Another actor, Claude Burroughs, is now reported missing. Thus far but three corpses have been identified—those of Hugh J. Dover and Nicholas Kelley, 117 Tillary street, and John Wood, 101 Fleet place.

On Washington street is a line of horses and wagons, ready to remove the bodies. Great crowds of persons are gathered in the neighborhood of the Morgue to identify missing relatives and friends, and their lamentations are truly pitiful. It requires a force of police to keep them from crowding over each other.

Narrow Escape of the Actors.

The actors themselves had great difficulty in effecting their escape. Many, in the rear of the stage, their advance was cut off by the flames that played around the usual place of egress, and struggled from beyond to burst open the door. Miss Claxton, another lady, Mr. Matthews and another gentleman succeeded in entering a dark underground passageway to the box office, and saved themselves with difficulty.

Stewart Campbell, a reporter on the *Commercial Advertiser*, is among the victims; also police officer Patrick Keen.

The Number of Dead.

BROOKLYN, December 6, 4 P. M.—One hundred and seventy-five dead bodies have been taken from the ruins of the theatre. The ruins are still burning, making the work of removing the bodies very difficult. Flags are at half mast throughout the city, and the theatres are draped in mourning.

Brooklyn in Mourning.

BROOKLYN, December 6.—The courts adjourned this morning without transacting any business. There is intense excitement in the city, and business is partially suspended. The Park Theatre has been closed for a week. A meeting of the theatrical profession has been called for Thursday to concert measures for relief.

How the Panic was Begun.

When the fire sprung up from the canvass, a man stood up on one of the seats and in a loud voice asked all to remain in their places until the way could be cleared, and then to go out quietly. They seemed to heed what was said until another shouted, "It's time we were out of this," when the panic began. The orchestra seats and dress circle were not crowded, and those in them escaped with little difficulty. The galleries were full, and there were many children among the occupants. One of the persons in the gallery said that he himself was carried along by the crowd, and could do nothing to hasten or check his course or render any assistance to those who fell. One little girl in some way became entangled in the crowd, and slipped under their feet. Nothing could be done to prevent those behind stepping upon her in passing. Fortunately she was rescued alive.

Character of the Theatre.

The Brooklyn Theatre has not made a particularly brilliant record. It was built for Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Conway, and was by them conducted, for several seasons, in a dignified and conscientious manner. It had an efficient stock company, and it was devoted to the better order of entertainments. Prominent stars have appeared there, and the efforts of the management have always been directed toward making the Brooklyn Theatre, for Brooklyn, what Wallack's Theatre is for New York. Mr. and Mrs. Conway dying, in rapid succession, the house fell into other hands, and of late it has been managed by Messrs. Shook & Palmer, who have presented there such artists as John Gilbert, Katharine Rogers, Augusta Dargon, Clara Morris, John E. Owens, Geo. Fawcett Rowe and Ben De Bar. The theatre was opened on October 2, 1871, with Bulwer's play of "Money." At the time of Mrs. Conway's death the play of the "Two Orphans" was on its stage, and the same drama was presented last night when the theatre was burned.

The Death List Increasing.

Later—Horror upon horror accumulated as the day advanced. Corpse after corpse, charred and blackened, was passed out, and still the pile of bodies in the cellar did not seem to diminish. As the number mounted up to one hundred and fifty and one hundred and sixty, the belief that the number would reach over two hundred grew into a certainty, and finally, at half-past four, the two hundredth body was removed. Some were found with limbs and hands burned off, and nothing left but a ghastly, blackened trunk.

At 5 o'clock the number had reached two hundred and twenty. Twenty bodies taken out in half an hour. A look into the pit at this time still showed a considerable pile of corpses lying crosswise like sticks of wood, and there were apparently still fifty or sixty corpses remaining. This was in the cellar under the inner vestibule, from where all the bodies taken out to-day were removed. They lay in a pile apparently where they had been pitched into the cellar when the floor and stairway gave way.

As night approached two calcium lights were placed in position, and the work of removing the ghastly forms of the dead (made more so by the light) was continued. They were under the galleries, but no estimate could be made of the number. The charred remains of the victims were taken out in front and rear of the theatre, and rapidly loaded in boxes and placed upon an undertaker's wagon. Still the pile of bodies in the cellar did not seem to diminish.

The Attempts to Escape.

When the panic occurred on the main floor of the theatre, Thomas Rochford, chief usher of the establishment, was in the lobby. The performance was almost over, and he was busily making arrangements for the departure of the audience. At the cries of "fire" he rushed into the auditorium, and taking in the terrible situation, endeavored to quiet the people who were about him. Seeing they were too thoroughly alarmed, he ran to the doors leading into Floods alley, which connects Johnson street and Myrtle avenue, and opened them, so that the people might escape in that way. This diverted many from seeking to escape through the main entrance. All who were on the right hand side of the parquette and balcony escaped through the side doors. The opening of the doors created a tremendous draught, which so increased the flames that the players were compelled to abandon the stage and escape as best as they might. They had remained there to the last, but seeing that it was now

A Question of Life and Death,

they retreated. The flames shot all over the stage and enveloped the proscenium, and the smoke began pouring in volumes to the parquet. Probably not more than five minutes elapsed between the beginning of the panic and the complete envelopment of the stage and parquet in flames. By this time nearly all those in the lower part of the house had escaped. The crowd from above came pouring down into the lobbies, which were soon densely crowded. The stairways were choked up, and there seemed to be no way in which the people could be relieved. Many succeeded in escaping by the regular means of egress into Washington street, but that staircase was also soon crowded, and escape by that way was next to impossible. The greatest loss of life would have been among those in the family circle or top gallery. Those who happened to be seated near the doors succeeded in gaining the stairways and lower part of the house, but those in the upper part of the gallery had no other than the second floor, where they died. The flames made such rapid headway that the floors fell in before assistance could reach them. The

Shrieks of Women

and the shouting and imprecations of the men, and the pitiful cries of children were heard below, but there was no human relief for them. It was a heartrending situation to have human beings perish almost in sight of their fellows. It is beyond description.

285 Bodies Recovered.

At a late hour to-night 285 bodies have been recovered by the fire.

Kate Claxton loses $10,000, Ida Vernon $8,000, and Shook & Palmer, the lessees of the theatre, $80,000.

The *Times* says Fire Marshal Keady, who has made an exhaustive examination of the circumstances attending the fire, is of the opinion that at least 350 persons perished in the flames.

FOREIGN NEWS.

JAPAN.

Serious Insurrection.

YOKOHAMA, November 16.—A serious insurrection in the southern and western provinces of Japan has been fomented by Mayebera, a discontented ex-official of the Government. Several towns and villages were seized by a sudden attack, the local and military authorities assassinated, and telegraph lines destroyed. There was great confusion for several days. The rebel members are estimated at two thousand. Altogether five hundred loyal soldiers were killed. The first outbreak was on November 4th. The insurgents finally dispersed on November 6th. The chief conspirators were captured. Eight leaders are to be beheaded. General tranquility is now restored.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Revival in the Iron Trade.

LONDON, December 6.—The York *Herald* says the Cleveland iron trade exhibits an unexpected revival.

The Kentucky Lottery.

LOUISVILLE, December 6.—A special from Frankfort says of the Kentucky Cash Distribution drawing there to-night, that the capital prize of $21,000 was drawn by ticket 30,256. 41,443 draws $5,200, and 32,509 draws $4,200.

LATEST RIVER NEWS.

CINCINNATI, December 6, 1876.

The river is 11 feet 7 inches and falling. Clear and cold. Arrived—Mary Miller, Pittsburgh. Departed—James D. Fulton, Memphis.

LOUISVILLE, December 6, 1876.

Pleasant and clear. River 6 feet 7 inches in the canal, and falling. Arrived—Charles Morgan, Cincinnati.

LITTLE ROCK, December 6, 1876.

Warmer. River 2 feet by the gauge.

CAIRO, December 6, 1876.

Arrived—Donnelly, Cincinnati, 1 P. M.; Gaff, Cincinnati, 4. Alice Brown, Pittsburgh, 4. Departed—Donnelly, New Orleans, 6 P. M.; Gaff, Memphis, 5. River 9 feet 5 inches and falling. Cloudy; mercury 42.

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PETROLEUM at Antwerp 68½

BONDS at Frankfort, new 5s, 101½

Gold closed in New York yesterday at 108¼.

THE cremation of the body of Baron PALM was an entire success. A full description will be found in another column.

NEW YORK has raised the $40,000 needed to secure the CESSNOLA collection of curiosities discovered at Kurium. This is a great honor, when it is remembered that London and Paris were competitors.

COLONEL ROBERTS totally denies that he held a conversation with Governor HAYES on any of the topics reported, or that he represented any of the persons named. He was on his way to Washington, and simply called on the Governor.

MRS. IRENE HOUSE proposed to use the notoriety she had gained through her trial for the murder of her husband, as lecture capital, and her friends concluded that the lunatic asylum would be the best place for a first trial,—so she is a lunatic now.

THE *Post* is rather too erratic to deserve notice, as it evidently does not believe its own wild statements. There is no lunatic asylum for becrazed newspapers, and we can only hope that our neighbor will recover sanity and dignity when HAYES is inaugurated.

GENERAL HARRY WHITE called on us on his way home from New Orleans. He had special charge of the Onachita Parish investigation, and affirms that the substantial correctness of the PINKSTON and other testimony is absolutely unimpeachable. He was profoundly impressed with the brutality and terrorism practiced by the Democrats in that Parish.

FLORIDA comes out, on the official count, better than was anticipated. A majority of 932 for HAYES and WHEELER, while doubtless below the real vote, approximates justice. The electors for HAYES and WHEELER were, therefore, given certificates, and doubtless did their duty yesterday. This will be an end to the struggle in Florida, and the correctness of the outcome will gratify every honest man.

THE fearful loss of life, by the fire in the Brooklyn opera house, affords fresh warning against the erection of buildings for large assemblages of people, without sufficient means of egress. The inflammable character of the material used for scenes in theatres ought also, to start the question as to whether material cannot be found for such purposes that is not inflammable. As it was, the fire was fearfully destructive of life.

THE policy of the Democracy in excluding the member from Colorado, and refusing to accept the regular certificate of the member from South Carolina calls forth the indignation of all honorable men. It merely indicates, however, the desperate tactics to be employed, to carry their points. All precedents and fairness are to be ignored, in the interest of partisan success,—a fact that will not be to their advantage in the long run.

THE *Post* a day or two since, with an emphasis born of desperation proclaimed as false our statement that United States troops did not prevent legal members of the South Carolina Legislature from entering the State House. Governor CHAMBERLAIN fully and explicitly sustains our statement, in his explanation on the subject. The *Post* is not entirely successful as a "bull-dozer" yet, though it shows the spirit of that element now and then.

SAYS a Washington correspondent of Cox's failure to reach the Speakership: "The trouble with Mr. COX is that there is always somebody sucking his eggs. Last year it was RANDALL and KERR. This year the fault is laid to the trains from the South that were behind time. However, he is very good-natured, and as long as Mr. SAYLER did not get it, he feels as happy as he was last year, when Mr. FERNANDO WOOD did not get the prize."

THE Electoral Colleges of the different States were to have met, and doubtless did, at noon yesterday, for the formal casting of the electoral vote for President and Vice President. So much has been written of the methods of procedure that we do not need to dwell on the subject. The fear has been entertained of a possible break in the electoral vote, through corrupt influence of some kind; but this danger passed, and no farther danger need be seriously apprehended.

THE steady march of Russia toward war with Turkey is beginning to absorb the attention of Europe. The Turks are preparing for a defensive warfare, and evidently propose making it as vigorous, not to say vindictive, as possible. The religious, fanatical spirit of the Turks, which is more rigorous than their national spirit, is thoroughly aroused. They regard the war as against their religion and race, and will resist with all their old-time vigor and power. The war, once begun, will be harsh and unyielding; but this would be the case in any event, and a conflict between the two powers mentioned has seemed inevitable for a long time.

THE preambles and resolutions introduced by Senator EDMUNDS, looking to the appointment of a committee by the Senate to thoroughly investigate election reports, are so comprehensive that we trust they will be adopted. They cover the whole range of questions involved, and are designed to bring about an authoritative examination of the law and facts, such as will enable the Senate to act intelligently when the subject is fully before it for action. We do not doubt that a committee of Senators, such as will be selected, will make a careful and thorough examination of the entire subject, and present a report that will carry conviction to the entire country.

A CORRESPONDENT writes to call our attention to a particular in which our election laws operate unfortunately—where citizens being compelled to change their residences in the prosecution of their legitimate duties—lose their votes thereby. Thus, particularly, the ministers of the M. E. Church, by the change of time for holding conferences, are compelled to change their locations, while they remain in the State. The requirement of sixty days for securing a vote, reduced to thirty days would, it is suggested, answer the purpose. We see no good reason why this change should not be made. Experience shows that where there is a disposition to evade the law it is done; while the stringency of the sixty-day rule really bears on the honest element that would, in any event, faithfully comply with the law. We suggest that the change asked for be made.

AFTER all the Democrats in South Carolina have not been as successful with their desperate tactics as they probably expected to be. The Democrats joined with the Republicans to count the Gubernatorial vote, and when the Republicans insisted on throwing out the "bull-dozed" counties, the Democrats fell back on their usual tactics and bolted. Under parliamentary rules, the absentees were not noticed, and the count was completed, and Governor CHAMBERLAIN declared re-elected. Those rifle clubs, which the *Post* is so sure were unarmed, at once reappeared, and encamped in the State House yard, and HAMPTON declared to them his purpose to be Governor. Of course, CHAMBERLAIN will take the oath of office, and in the event of an armed assault by HAMPTON'S men, will be supported by United States troops. President GRANT does not mean to allow rebellion to succeed in South Carolina.

WE entertain serious doubts of the wisdom, just at this juncture, of the proposition of Senator INGALLS, looking to a revision of the Constitution of the United States. In the first place, the provision of the Constitution that a convention shall be called for proposing amendments to the Constitution on the application of the Legislatures of two-thirds of the States, suggests that that application shall be spontaneous,—the result of a wide-spread conviction that such changes are necessary. Also, it may be questioned whether a convention to amend the Constitution has power to so completely revise it as to make in reality a new Constitution. All else aside, it is a question whether we yet need a complete revision of that instrument. The events of the present year show it to be incomplete as regards its provision for a Presidential election; but just what else needs to be done, that really can be accomplished in the present state of the public mind, we do not see. As to the amendments that really need to be made, they can be secured through the regular channel without special expense.

ISN'T the policy of misrepresenting President GRANT and Governor HAYES being carried just a little too far? It may serve to annoy both those gentlemen to represent them as acting as madmen, but just what tactical good there is in it, we fail to see. That Governor HAYES, pending the determination of an election, should throw himself on the mercy of LAMAR and GORDON, denounce President GRANT, pledge them a place in his cabinet, and gush over the South and its misfortunes, is simply absurd. And that President GRANT should believe that HAYES is making a fool of himself, and threaten to punish him, is equally absurd. All such matters may serve to annoy, but beyond this, they amount to nothing. Governor HAYES believes himself honestly elected, and further believes that the Democracy are doing their utmost to count him out. If the electoral count is in his favor, he proposes to go forward, assume the functions of his office, like a sensible, honest man. President GRANT is simply attending to his duty, administering his office honestly and fairly, preserving the peace of the country, and filling out his term. This is all there is in it.

THE serious purpose, manifested by the Centennial Board of Finance, to submit to the Supreme Court the question of the return of the Government loan of $1,500,000, is attracting considerable attention, particularly on account of the circumstances under which the Government loan was made. The Board of Finance incline to consider it a gift, whereas the language of the act making the appropriation is specific, and distinctly requires its repayment, in preference to any payment to stockholders. To treat it as a gift would be to disregard the plain intention of Congress. The United States advanced money to the commission to be repaid out of the profits of the exhibition. It exacted no formal security, it is true, but on the other hand it took no risk, except the risk that there would be no profits, or that the profits would not equal the loan. The notion that the federal Government became a stockholder, putting itself upon a footing with the other stockholders in respect to the recovery of the amount of its subscription, will not bear examination. No mere stockholders' subscription is made upon the condition that the money "shall be paid in full before any dividend or percentage of the profits shall be made to the holders of stock." This was the position of affairs: The stockholders found themselves short of money. They were unable to go on with their business unless they could secure a loan of one million and a half of dollars. They applied to Congress for a loan, and Congress agreed to lend them the money, they on their part agreeing to repay the money out of the profits of the business before taking any dividend for themselves. The case could not be clearer. Were the stockholders to enjoin the Board of Finance from paying over the money, and they carry it to the courts, we can see at least enough equity on their side to call for a division of the money left. But the Board of Finance cannot afford to go back on its express or implied obligations and agreements. The acceptance of the money of the Government, under the law passed, carried with it the obligation to return it, if the money was made whereby to do it.

DEMOCRATIC TACTICS.

It is not at all necessary that Republicans should be longer deceived, either as to the plans or purposes of the Democratic party, relative to the Presidential election. While the more desperate development of their policy will follow the declaration of the electoral vote, assuming that it will be Republican by one electoral majority, yet we already have enough to know the general features of the struggle that is to come. In the House, where they have a majority, the Democracy determined on an investigation of the elections held in Florida, South Carolina and Louisiana. So desperate were they that RANDALL voted, pending the rectification of the record, in order to secure the majority necessary for the suspension of the rules, and the ordering of committees. In the Senate, the Democracy bitterly fought the appointment of such committees, because three Democratic States are included in the list. These things show that no settled principle is to govern their action, but only violent partizanship, operating in such ways as the immediate exigencies may require. Their object is to seize the Presidency, by fair means or foul, if that shall be at all possible. Law, precedents, order, fairness, decency, or any other commendable quality, will be put aside, and tricks, violence, threats, and anything else that can avail them will be resorted to as means of success. This is precisely what we are to expect.

Thus far, their desperation has done them little good. They have lost at it every time, and seem likely to do so in the future. Just in what way the final count of the electoral vote may be finally accomplished is involved in some doubt by the adoption, by Senator EDMUNDS, in a modified form of the SCHURZ proposal to refer the count to the Supreme Court of the United States. EDMUNDS' proposal is for the Judges to make the count, on the basis of equity, and irrespective of mere technical irregularities. This is meant to cover the cases of such Presidential electors as were technically disqualified. We do not for a moment imagine that the Democrats will accede to this. Even if HAYES has a majority of the electoral vote, on its face, they prefer the chances of a struggle, in which they could manage their own case, to the absolute surrender of the whole question to the Supreme Court. They only prefer the Courts when they imagine they have them in their own interest, and as the Supreme Court would not be likely to blindly aid the Democracy, they prefer none of it. The Presidency or a wide-spread, vindictive row is what they want, and hence will not support EDMUNDS' proposition. We have no faith, therefore, in the completion of his amendment in time for it to be of use in the pending count. Hence it will be necessary for Republican members and Senators to look clearly in the face the necessity of using existing machinery in counting the electoral vote. A violent conflict will be precipitated by the Democracy, and firmness and pluck will be necessary to meet them.

THE POLITICAL SITUATION.

The latest news, bearing on the political situation, shows that the Republicans are likely to come out entirely triumphant in their several struggles. The news from Florida that the HAYES electors have been declared successful by over nine hundred majority, was a hard blow to the Democracy, who were yesterday despairing their cause. This puts that State out of jeopardy. South Carolina also forwarded more cheering news. Governor CHAMBERLAIN was to have been inaugurated at noon, and the Republicans announced their purpose to return to the branch of the Legislature presided over by MACKEY, so soon as the inauguration was over. At all events, the electoral vote is safe, which ends that question. Louisiana is also declared for HAYES and WHEELER, and we anticipate no trouble whatever from that point. Unlike South Carolina, Louisiana is under complete control. The rebels in that State have tried the experiment of seizing the State Government and know just what it comes to. In Columbia, the rifle clubs are assembled with arms, and the old Confederate uniform, hoping, we judge, to frighten some one. All this, however, does not make the impression on Governor CHAMBERLAIN that is desired. Thus, in the three doubtful Southern States, all has eventuated in a manner entirely satisfactory to the Republican party.

There is a contest in Oregon touching two electors, concerning which we have no special *data* at this writing. The eligibility of two of the electors is in doubt, and the Governor had the question under consideration, at the latest period heard from. If he regards them ineligible, and leaves the one who is clearly eligible with power to appoint his coadjutors, all will be well. In Washington, Senator MITCHELL, of Oregon, thought there would be no difficulty.

In the line of purely State transactions, the South Carolina Supreme Court has declared the Democratic House to be the legal legislative body, and one additional member has been drawn, or brought over from the MACKEY Legislature, thus giving them a constitutional quorum. This will provide new complications, and possibly a conflict of force. The Democrats announce their purpose to fight to give effect to the decision of the Supreme Court. Whether CHAMBERLAIN will or can appeal from this Court and its decision, remains to be seen. So far as the question of law is concerned, it is an open issue whether the Board of Canvassers had the right to do more than count the vote as it was cast, without inquiring into its legality. All the precedents favor the right of the Canvassing Board to throw out counties for illegal voting. As this is the point in issue, we presume an appeal will be made to the United States Courts. The battle, therefore, in South Carolina has just begun.

ENGLAND'S POET LAUREATE.

James Ticknor Fields' Lecture on Alfred Tennyson.

James T. Fields delivered the first of a course of six lectures on subjects connected with modern English literature, at Chickering Hall, New York, Tuesday, the topic for the evening being "Alfred Tennyson as a man and as a poet." Wordworth and Tennyson, he said, were poets, who never left their tracks in other people's snow. Wordsworth named Tennyson the Laureate, and the latter had since been the crowned monarch of English poetry. Tennyson saw the same sun from his Island home that Homer saw. If it were said that he brought too little that was strikingly new, it should be remembered that there was nothing very new about the great truths of the world. He recited the poem, "Home they brought her warrior dead." It contained the heart's story in a nutshell. In it was that tender touch which made a man a poet and which could not be simulated. He recounted Tennyson's long search for a publisher 45 years ago. The poet was now 70. The man who was made sport of by such men as Bulwer, who was ridiculed by Blackwood's, now represented the high water mark of English training and culture. The poet Stedman had well described the quality of Tennyson's genius in "Victorian Poets." Tennyson's works were truly not the driftwood of accident. Many supposed Tennyson to be personally a dainty, sky-blue, cold gentleman. He was above the usual height, and might have set for a Hercules. The singer Tennyson was furnished with a chest that corresponded with his brain. He could work out his conceptions. He was great enough for immortality, and this could not be said of his cotemporaries. It was said of Voltaire that he was a great intellect rather than a great manhood. Tennyson was both. His "Queen Mary" was not his best, but it contained a description of Mary Stuart which was truly Shakspearian.

Tennyson's early days of rhymes were attended with unusual discouragements, but to-day he represented the best and sweetest of English poets. His learning was profound, his observations acute and perfect, his love of nature a passion. His habits of composition were careful. No poem was allowed to go from his hands until it was finished. Perfection was one of his mottoes. Although nearly or quite seventy years old, the laureate was a hale, hearty, vigorous man. His domestic life was extremely happy, being passed with a devoted wife and two sons, who were all that parents could wish for. It was Mr. Tennyson's custom to read his poems aloud to a choice circle of friendly critics, and, although the poet's admiration for his own creations would be plainly and frankly declared, it was excusable, because it was truthful and was never offensive.

Mr. Fields quoted several lines of the poet which the author is "fond of petting, calling them absolutely perfect." Some of these lines are so exquisite in color that they seem to have been woven out of the texture of rainbows. Among the lines which are especially favorites of Tennyson are:

The moan of doves in immemorial elms
And murmuring of innumerable bees.
Far-folded mists as gleaming halls of morn.
By the long wash of Australasian seas.
The star-like sorrows of immortal eyes.
The shining daffodil's dead,
And Orion low in his grave.

Tennyson is a person favored in the houses of the great. He is quite at home in Buckingham Palace, and whenever he finishes a new poem some great duke or duchess sends down to the Isle of Wight and brings him up to the castle that he may read his new verses in one of the grand old halls. The critics of the poet were sharply dealt with. Only five great poets had filled the English laureate's chair, and Tennyson was one of the five. "When he came carolling out of his native Lincolnshire," said the lecturer, "he began a new era in English verse. A boy only in years, his verse positively blossomed with exalted expressions, and his songs exhaled a fragrance as of summer gardens. From that day he has never turned aside from the pathway that has been trodden by Chaucer and Spenser and the long line of authors whose works have made England famous forever."

How the Main Building Went Off.

"Now," said Mr. Ellis, who stood on the front part of the platform, with his hand before him, "let us begin with the Main Building. It cost $1,600,000. Who bids $1,000,000? $750,000? $500,000? $400,000? $300,000? What is bid? A long, silent pause, but no bid. "What are we going to do?" At last there came a bid—one of $200,000, from R. J. Dobbins, who erected the building—"$200,000 we have; two-o hun-n-dred thou-u-sand dollars; going at two-c—c— Ah! We have another bid. What is it? $250,000 we have; $250,000; going at $250,000; going, going, going; are you all done? $250,000 once, $250,000 twice; $250,000 three times. Is there no other bid? [Turns to Mr. John Welsh, with an interrogation point in his eye.] Going —once; going—twice; going—three times—gone!" Down went the hammer and up stepped Mr. John S. Morton, who gave the name of the International Exhibition Company as the purchaser. The announcement of this brought down the house. This building is therefore not to be removed, being intended to contain the proposed Permanent Exhibition.

A THANKSGIVING TRAGEDY.

A Thrilling Tale of Love and Murder.

Historic old Detroit! How many fond memories are clustered 'round thy name! How many sad and tender thoughts well up from the heart as one looks over the city directory and comes across the names of Teddy O'Leary, George Washington and William Jones!

'Twas ten years ago. An old iron-plated, bomb-proof, double extra citizen, named Happy Ugly, was living on the Brush farm. He had money in the bank, a fine house, bronze door-knobs, a barn with a tower on it; and men looked after him and wondered what more on earth he could want to put fat on his ribs and give him a double chin. But they couldn't read his heart, and they couldn't imagine what was going on in his family. He had a daughter. The local poets wrote of her:

"She weighs about 200 pounds,
Her shoes are number seven,
Her eyes are blue, her mouth it is
Like some of those in Heaven.
Her waist it measures fifty-seven,
No arm can pass around her,
And she's a gentle, kind and true,
But is engaged, confound her!"

Yes; she was engaged. That was what kicked up the row in the double parlors during the long fall evenings, and was what caused her father to stump around town with fire in his eyes and nitro-glycerine bubbling up in his heart.

Sarah had engaged herself to a clerk in the old City Hall without her parents' consent. She had been loving away and loving away without their suspecting it, and it was a sort of earthquake to the old man when the clerk called on him and tremblingly said:

"Mr. Happy Ugly, I love your fair daughter, and I desire your consent to our union."

It was two or three minutes before the old man could get breath and strength enough to pitch the young gent through the window. He wasn't careful about it, and the broken glass severed the clerk's jugular vein, and his red life-blood ebbed away under the bay-window. It was a clear case of murder, but

The Coroner's jury did fully agree,
In behalf of the State and the people,
That poor John Rose did turn up his toes
By a fall from a very high steeple.

The affair was smoothed over as soon as possible, but it dated the downward career of Happy Ugly. His daughter was in a swoon for four days, recovered and had fits, and something had happened almost daily. Along towards Thanksgiving the old man began to fade, and the only comfort he could take was to go the barn and pound the poor old mule which had been in the family for 19 years.

You may have heard it remarked that the mills of the gods grind slowly. Well, they were grinding at this family. The mother pined, the daughter saw visions of murdered lovers at midnight, and the father had paving taxes to pay, notes of hand outlawed, and railroad stock assessments to hand in, until his pile of ducats would no longer fill a pint cup. He felt in his bones that Fate, with a big F, was after him for his unfatherly conduct, but he determined to die game. When the stings of conscience were almost too great to be borne, he'd wander down the lane to the barn—

And the way he'd go for that 'ere mule,
With fork or spade or shovel,
Would make the poor old animule
Imagine that the ——
Was being raised around that house
For his sole benefit:
And, though he hoped for better days,
They didn't come a bit.

Thanksgiving morning dawned at last. No goose, no oysters, no celery—nothing to make the day memorable. Old Ugly skuffed around the house declaring that he'd liko to see himself giving thanks; the mother tied a wet towel around her head and went to bed, and the fair daughter with a wrecked mind slid down the bannister and cut holes in the hall carpet.

The mills had ground and the grist was ready. Fate was to knock things endways around that house that day.

Old Ugly went to the barn to estimate the number of maulings the mule could bear up under, and this is what happened to him:

The mule had pondered o'er the case,
And had made it pretty clear
That his hind feet were made to kick
Somebody on the ear.

And so, when Ugly went to maul
That poor forsaken mule,
His death-blow came with awful force,
He didn't even howl.

That finished him. As for the wife
She had suffered long with heart disease,
And, as she lay in bed,
The widow fell—a sudden jar—
And the servants found her dead.

Her case being disposed of, grim Fate turned its attention to the daughter.

While she was sliding down the stairs,
Her heart chuck full of glee,
She lost her hold, and down she fell,
As dead as she could be.

Nothing being left but the mule, Fate slid down to the barn.

Some kindly hand an ear of corn
Had tossed the hungry beast,
And the mule he tried to gulp it down
Without chewing in the least;
The corn it wasn't on the gulp,
And in his throat stuck fast,
And man and wife, and mule and girl,
Collected were at last.

And the Sheriff sold the house and lawn mower at auction.—*M. Quad.*

Effect of Webster's Gaze.

Reminiscences of Webster abound now. Among them is the following: On Sunday a student from Andover occupied the pulpit, my father not intending to take any part in the exercises. The young minister got along very well with the opening prayer and the scripture lesson, but when he had read the first two lines of the hymn he became confused, stammered, and at last his voice failed him entirely. As he seemed to be taken suddenly ill, my father finished the service, preaching an extemporaneous discourse. On the way home in the carriage, the young man, who by that time had quite recovered, being pressed for an explanation of his conduct, finally confessed: "Well, sir, it was merely an unaccountable nervous. Just as I was reading the second stanza of the hymn, a gentleman came into the church and sat down in a broad aisle pew directly before me, fixing such great, staring black eyes upon me that I was frightened out of my wits."

Until he was then told, he did not know that Daniel Webster was a member of the congregation or an inhabitant of the town.

Trying His Liberality.

While a well known citizen was crossing the Campus Martius yesterday morning (says the Detroit *Free Press*,) he was approached by an old man whose shabby clothes showed that he was a mendicant, and when the citizen had halted the old man inquired:

"Will you please give me ten cents?"

"No, sir," was the prompt reply.

"Won't you give a starving man enough to buy a loaf of bread?"

"No, sir!"

"That's all right—that's enough," said the old man. "I am worth half a million dollars, and want to will it to some liberal hearted man. Your looks pleased me, and I gave you a test. Had you given me even a nickel, I should have put a fortune into your hands to-morrow. Good day, sir!"

The stranger walked away, leaving the citizen dumbfounded. He may not be worth a cent; he may be rich. The citizen thinks one way and then the other, and rather wishes he had been charitable.

Lovely Woman in the Black Hills.

The Black Hills correspondent of the Denver *Tribune* proclaims that a glorious sunshine is penetrating that dreary region. Hear him: "Women are flocking into the hills, bless 'em, and already the rough, uncombed miner of the spring and summer begins to spruce up. Paper collars are common, and one occasionally meets a broadcloth coat in the highway. A canary bird hanging out in the morning sun yesterday drew almost as great a crowd as the dog fight half a block off. And when I write that I have neither killed a man or seen one killed for six weeks, you will admit our growing civilization. We even expect Gainsborough hats and cardinal ribbons to arrive with the blue birds of spring."

He Desired a Situation.

"Couldn't you give me something to do?" asked a poor boy at a Michigan shingle factory, the other day.

"No," said the owner, "we are all full now."

The boy looked sad, and was about to go away, when a bright thought seized him, and, turning again to the owner, he inquired:

"Don't you need a boy to test shingles on?"

But even then the lad could get no position, for the man had a boy of his own.

Tall Writing.

Tall writing may be found in benevolent societies' reports as a preface to a statement of the number of garments given to Mary Smith or Sally Simpkins. Here is some pretty talk by way of sample from a recent document of that sort that has just come under our eye: The ceaseless waves of time ever bearing their ripple marks on earth's life shore; marks, called days, weeks, months, and years, have brought us to the fifth annual goal of our association, checkered with transpiring events, which, like mile-stones, serve to mark the advance we have already made.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

—Randall's forty-eight.

—Ladies' muffs are quite small this season.

—The Tennessee Legislature will elect two United States Senators in January.

—Mayor Doyle, of Providence, Rhode Island, will shortly begin his eleventh term.

—War materials have recently advanced in price, owing to the belligerent outlook in the East.

—Boston has a baggage-smasher seventy-five years of age, who has been forty years at the business.

—Bayard Taylor spoke of "The Gates Ajar" and "Helen's Babies" as works of a light and entertaining character.

—Mr. Lytton Sothern, son of Lord Dundreary, has accepted an engagement in a Melbourne, Australian company.

—The New York *Tribune* says General Garfield, though less brilliant than Blaine, will make a safe leader in the House.

—Three thousand riflemen in Columbia and four hundred Federal soldiers. This is what is known as Federal oppression.

—A stenographer has been taken into custody for short-handing a play at one of the Chicago theatres for a rival establishment.

—Mrs. Rose Hawthorne Lathrop, Hawthorne's fair-haired daughter, has written some poems which are commended by the critics.

—Funny, wasn't it, after the caucus to see Sam Cox and Randall shaking hands across the bloody chasm of the sought-for Speakership?

—Times, though hard, might be worse! That sum of $65,000 spent on the theatres on Thanksgiving Day might have been saved, for instance.

—An enthusiastic lady admirer placed a superb boquet on the desk of Senator Blaine to greet him upon taking his seat for the first time on Monday.

—Thirty thousand barrels of Western whisky are said to have been received in New York last week;—all fears of a water famine are now dispelled.

—It's dreadfully lonesome in Philadelphia now. The turn-stile keepers sight a Centennial visitor three squares off, and pounce on the admission fee like a hawk on a June-bug.

—It is reported that the defaulting teller of the Park Bank, New York, will be allowed to "fix" things and return home. If this be true we may infer that punishment for crime is a fix-shun.

—The time is approaching when men will begin to sit down hard upon coal-hole covers, and rise with a ghastly smile upon their lips, and murder in their hearts toward the lookers-on.

Somebody said that Watterson had a calla lily cheek, and now we want to know why you should callally by that name.—*N. Y. Herald.* Obviously because lilies are born to blush unseen, and nobody ever saw Watterson blush.—*Phila. Bulletin.*

—Now that the first horror of the Pinkston *expose* is over, an effort is being made to explain the remarks of Governor Palmer and others on that occasion. Stick to what you said, Governor. It was the truth welling indignantly from a manly heart.

—Emperor Pedro and Empress Teresa, who have gone to the Holy Land, left golden opinions behind them in Greece, as everywhere else. The Greeks grew fond of them, and gave the Emperor no end of honorary titles in scientific societies.

—George Eliot is described as a woman of such vigorous intellectual powers, that after conversing with her for an hour a man feels as if he were on the top of a mountain. He is breathing rarefied air, and is glad to reach a lower level of thought.

THE COURT RECORD.

Proceedings in the Several Courts Yesterday.

U. S. Circuit Court.

JUDGE M'KENNAN

C. B. Willey vs. Herman Lang and Geo. Kim. Verdict for $343.49.

Couse & Blood vs. Johnson, Black & Co., and John Graham Cooly. Action in equity for injunction and an account against respondents for an alleged infringment of a patent coal oil stove, claimed by complainants. Argued in part by Halleck, of Erie, for plaintiffs, and W. Bakewell for respondents.

U. S. District Court.

JUDGE KETCHAM.

Frazier Bros., bankrupts. Injunction applied for against Martin Flick; 21st inst. fixed for hearing, and a restraining order granted.

W. C. Byrom, bankrupt. Sale of real estate confirmed *nisi*.

W. A. Lewis, assignee vs. Hill Burgwin. Application for an injunction; argued and decision of court reserved.

S. M. Humphreys, bankrupts, Jefferson county. Certain execution creditors restrained.

United States vs. distillery building, &c., claimed by John Booth. *Vend. ex.* ordered to issue returnable January 1st, 1877.

United States vs. Donnel Haggerty principal, and Thomas Berry surety. Judgment for plaintiff for $800.

Conrad C. M. Horner, bankrupt, Pittsburgh. Register's report on petition of Philip Mosgrove for payment of rent overruled, and assignee directed to pay the amount desired.

Common Pleas, No 1.

JUDGES STERRETT AND COLLIER.

N. Whiting & Co. vs. Bennetts Lake; verdict for defendant for $301.28, for rent in arrears.

Jacob H. Walter vs. P. H. Laufman & Bro. On trial.

Geo. Caddick vs. John Spindler; verdict for plaintiff for $849.72.

James and Martha McPhillamy vs. Hunsel & Reig. Action in replevin. On trial.

Common Pleas No. 2.

JUDGES KIRKPATRICK AND WHITE.

W. J. Weir & Co. vs. the Chautauqua Lake Ice Co.; previously reported. Verdict for plaintiff for 6¼ cents.

F. & W. M. Faber, for use, vs. Henry Brown; previously reported. Verdict for defendant.

Wm. Doro vs. S. M. Brinton; previously reported. Still on trial.

Thomas M. Carroll vs. Henry Kruse et al. On trial.

Criminal Court.

JUDGE STOWE.

Owen McNulty plead *nolo contendere* to a charge of receiving stolen goods.

Adolph Bauer was convicted of a charge of aggravated assault and battery.

A *nol. pros.* was allowed in the case of James B. Faber, indicted for illegal liquor selling.

Wm. Lewis and Patrick Havine plead *nolo contendere* to an indictment for larceny and receiving stolen goods, and were sentenced to jail for ten days each.

Louis Krim *et al.*, plead guilty to a charge of larceny.

A *nolle pros* was allowed in the case of Max Hilstein, indicted for assault and battery.

Same record in case of Henry Garsten.

David Morgan plead guilty to a charge of larceny and receiving stolen goods, and was sentenced to pay 6¼ cents and costs; to be imprisoned in the Work House in default.

Henry Laupher plead guilty to a charge of larceny and receiving stolen goods, and was sentenced 9 months to the Workhouse.

The jury is out in the case of Charles McClaire, indicted for larceny and receiving stolen goods.

TRIAL LIST FOR TO-DAY.

Philip Rosenthal	Ann Driscoll,
Frank Shay, (2)	Jacob Glenn,
David Morgan,	John Haley,
Chas. Wilson,	Michael Kloise et al.
Henry Laupher,	Lucy McCann,
Wm. Roan,	John Brown,
Pat. McCarthy,	Mary Sordell,
	Thomas Flaherty.

Court Brevities.

THE Grand Jury yesterday found the following true bills: Thos. Flaherty, aggravated assault and battery; John Brown, larceny; Lucy McCavern, larceny; Michael Cline et al., keeping a bawdy-house; John Allen, false pretense.

SUIT in ejectment was entered in Court No. 2 yesterday by Felix Henie and Theresa, his wife, against Louis Richter, with notice to Louis Richter, terre tenant, to recover a lot in Bloomfield. Summons issued.

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Plain, fancy, embroidered and Initial Handkerchiefs.
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New Plain and Crayon and Spatter-work Mottoes.
New Java Canvas, plain and plaid.
New Railroad, Waffle and Honey Comb Canvas.
New Zephyrs and fine Germantown and Balmoral Yarns.

New Hats and Bonnets, latest shapes.
Woolen Hoods, Jackets, and Sacques, knit and hand made.
Children's and Misses' Fur Hats and Caps.
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New Flowers, Feathers, Wings and Tips.

☞To this department has been added many other New Novelties. A new and very choice line of Woolen and Silk Dress Fringes, at much less than former prices; also an elegant line of Fur and Feather Trimmings, in all the various kinds at special low prices. Laces, Embroideries, Woolen and Lace Tidies, and a very fine assortment of Silk Handkerchiefs from 25 cents each up. Fancy Jewelry of every description, &c., &c., and a beautiful line of NEW HOLIDAY GOODS.

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At 25 to 50c, new fine Colored Cashmeres.
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At 60c to $1.50, extra fine Colored Cashmeres.
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DAILY GAZETTE.

FINANCIAL.

Latest Advices Concerning Money and Stock Matters.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, THURSDAY, December 7, 1876.

The steady quiet of financial circles remains unbroken. A reasonable accumulation of funds may be found at the banks, and the demand for accommodations has slightly increased. It is thought this increase will continue as the month advances. Trade in mercantile circles is only moderately active—mainly for holiday goods and filling small orders to meet current wants. On the street there is a fair amount of paper offering, but it is generally of a character not desired at the present by the regular banks. Collections are reported rather slow, and city deposits light. Rates of interest are steady and unchanged. At the banks' favors are obtained at 8@10 per cent., while on the street rates range at 8@15 per cent., according to the standing of the borrower.

THE GOLD MARKET.

The late fluctuations in the price of gold have been ascribed to various causes, such as the political situation, the excess of our exports over imports, the operations of the syndicate, and, most lately, the sales of our bonds in Europe by Germans apprehensive of the future. The net result has been a decline in the price, and its most plausible explanation attributes it to a manipulation of the market by the Rothschilds, who have to deliver large amounts of gold to the Government shortly. A fall in the price of gold at this moment is noticeable for more than one reason. The gold premium is the measure of the depreciation of our paper currency, and, so far as the prevailing great political uncertainty affects this at all, it would increase it. Furthermore, there are reasons for looking with surprise on any continued movement of gold to this country. The bugbear of a drain of gold from England to Germany has again raised its head in the London market. The German Government has recently been buying her gold in London for coinage purposes. Between the 1st of January and Nov. 4 t coined gold to the value of $88,450,000, most of this from bullion now drawn from the London market. The fact that it has now returned to the London market for its supplies excites alarm lest other sources of supply may have been exhausted, and England be threatened with a drain of the gold on which her entire monetary, commercial and financial system rests. Of course the drain would not be allowed, but it could be prevented only by sharply advancing the price, and to do this would have unpleasant and far-reaching consequences. The total gold coinage of the German Government, beginning Nov. 4, to 1,429,647,250 marks, or $357,400,000. To complete the demonetization of silver, about 150,000,000 of thalers have still to be redeemed in gold. The effect on the gold and silver market of the excessive demand for the one and the oversupply of the other cannot fail to be a dangerous derangement. The Germans must sell their silver at an accelerating discount, and buy their gold on a rising market.—*Chicago Tribune.*

REDUCTION OF INTEREST.

Other States are following the lead of Massachusetts in the reduction of interest to be paid by savings banks. Maine proposes to adopt almost the precise provision of the law passed by our last Legislature, requiring the accumulation of a reserve, or guarantee, fund of five per cent.; reducing dividends to five per cent. per annum, with extra dividends once in three years, when the accumulations make it possible. This is the bill agreed upon by the commissioners. In New York the indications are that, without waiting for special legislation, the saving banks will reduce their dividends, by general consent.

THE INFLUX OF GOLD.

The cause of the remarkable influx of gold from Europe to this country is not involved in any mystery, but is plainly to be seen by the most casual observer. We have at last become a creditor nation. Heretofore we have been a debtor nation, our purchases of foreign goods and our interest accounts being in excess of our sales of merchandise to Europe. We have reached the point about which we have been talking for years, when the "balance of trade" is in our favor. Europe owes us that balance, and, there being nothing else to pay it with, she is sending gold.

Robinson Bros., Brokers, No. 78 Fourth avenue, furnish the following quotations of bonds and stocks from the latest advices by telegraph:

Gold	108½	5-20's 1865 coupons	114½
U. S. 6's of 1881, coup	118½	5-20's 1867 "	114½
" 1865	109½	Currency 6's	120½
" 1865 new	111½	New 5's per cents	111½
5-20's 1867	113¼	10-40's coupons	111½
RAILWAYS.			
N. Y. Central	101½	Ohio & Mississippi	24½
Erie	17½	Pacific	96½
L. C.	70	Toledo & Wabash	42½
C. C. & I. C.	94	Wabash	39½
St. Paul	79½	Adams Express	106½
Do. Pref	82½	American Express	56½
Michigan Central	90	Wells, Fargo & Co	94
Do. Central	43	W. Fargo & Co. Ex	89
Northwestern com	36	Quicksilver	14
Do. Pref	69½	Mariposa Pref	40½
Rock Island	99¾	Hannibal & St. Jo.	12½
Cleve. & Pitts	84¾	Panama	128
Pacific Mail	24¾	Iron Mountain	93
Western Union Tel.	73	N. J. Central	93½
Delaware, L. & W.			

Robinson Bros furnish the following quotations of active stocks on the Philadelphia Stock Board.

P. R. R.	(B) 45¾	Cen. Trans(A)	40
Reading	(B) 50	Wm. Penn Ex. Co.	(A) 5
U. Cos. of N. J.	(B) 129	A. V. R. R. 2.30	(S) 1.104
Oil Creek	(S) 5	P. C. & St. L. 7's	(A) 81
Lehigh Valley	(S) 67¾	Pacific bonds	(S) 113

NEW YORK, December 6, 1876.

Money 5@6, and closed at 2@2½; prime mercantile paper 5½@7. The Assistant Treasurer disbursed $952,000. The customs receipts were $151,000. The clearings were $85,000,000. Sterling was quiet at 482@484. Gold opened at 108¾, and declined to 108, and closed at 108 1-8. The carrying rates were 2 to 5½. Governments closed firm. Railroad bonds were generally firm. State securities are dull. The stock market was weak and lower, but with the exception of Illinois Central, which declined 2¼ per cent., was without important feature. The transactions were 77,000 shares, of which 6,000 were Western Union, 45,000 Lake Shore, 2,000 Wabash, 3,000 Michigan Central, 9,000 Delaware, Lackawanna & Western, and 3,000 New Jersey Central.

Governments.—United States Coupon, 1881, 116¾; 5-20s of 1865, 110¾ new, 111; new 4½, 109; 10-40s, 112½; do. coupons, 112½; currency 6s, 120½.

State Bonds.—Tennessees old, 43½; do. new, 43½; Virginia new, 29; do. old, 29; Missouri 6s, 105½.

Stocks.—Western Union Telegraph Company, 72¾; Quicksilver, 13; do. preferred, 18; Pacific Mail, 24½; Mariposa, 4½; do. preferred, 5; Adams Express, 105; Wells, Fargo & Company's Express, 89; American Express, 60½; United States Express, 56½; New York Central, 101½; Erie, 9½; do. preferred, 16; Harlem, 138; do. preferred, 133; Michigan Central, 43; Panama, 120; Union Pacific, 58; Lake Shore, 55½; Illinois Central, 68½; Cleveland & Pittsburgh, 88½; Northwestern common, 36; do. preferred, 69½; C. C. & I., 93; New Jersey Central, 93; Rock Island, 99½; St. Paul, 79½; do. preferred, 82½; Toledo & Wabash, 42; do. preferred, 84; Fort Wayne, 101; Terre Haute, 103½; do. preferred, 115; Chicago & Alton, 99½; do. preferred, 108; Ohio & Mississippi, 24½; Delaware & Lackawanna, 93½; Atlantic & Pacific Telegraph Company, 15; Missouri Pacific, 3; Atlantic & Pacific preferred, 2; Indiana Central, 34; Burlington & Quincy, 13; Hannibal & St. Joe, 12½; Central Pacific, 109½; Union Pacific, 105½; Union Pacific land grants, 90½; Union Pacific Sinking Funds, 90½.

LONDON, December 6.—The amount of bullion withdrawn from the Bank of England on balance to-day was £215,000, all for the United States. Consols, 93 11-16; 5-20s of '65, 106½; do. '67, 106½; 10-40s, 107½; new 5s, 105½; New York Central, 96; Erie, 9; do. preferred, 16.

PARIS, December 6.—Rentes, 104f 37½c.

FRANKFORT, December 6.—U. S. new 5s, 101½.

Receipts of Pig Metal, etc.

PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD COMPANY.

J Moorhead	1	J Beamer m	4
A H Childs m	1		
Total	6		

ALLEGHENY VALLEY R R.

Byers McC & Co m	1		

CLEVELAND AND PITTSBURGH R. R.

Brown & Co m	2	S. B. & Co	4
Lewis O & P m	1	Isabella Fur Co	19
Hussey W & Co	1	Zug & Co p	1
Reese G & W m	1	Fyang C & Co s	1
Miller M & P b	10		
Total	47		

PITTSBURGH, FT. WAYNE AND CHICAGO R. R.

W Clark m	1	Nimick & Co m	1
Laughlin & Co	12	Isabella Fur	15
W Bringer st	1	Graff B & Co m	4
Lindsay & McC m	4		
Total	44		

COMMERCIAL.

Condition of the Markets at Home and Abroad.

PITTSBURGH MARKETS.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, WEDNESDAY, Dec. 6, 1876.

Our merchants and manufacturers generally continue to report business very dull, as it usually is at this particular time, and no decided improvement can reasonably be looked for during the next four or five weeks.

APPLES—There is a fair demand, but no change in prices, which we continue to quote at $1@1.50 per bbl, for fair to choice fruit.

APPLE-BUTTER—Is quoted at 40c per gallon in kegs and 45c in smaller packages.

BEANS—In light supply, and prime new crop navies are quoted steady at $1.75 per bushel to the trade and $2 in a small way.

BUTTER—Regular sales of prime to choice rolls at 23@26c. Low grades continue very dull, with a heavy supply.

BROOM CORN—Demand fair for small lots only; no car lots moving unless at a sacrifice. No. 1 hurl, 6a6¼c; No. 2 hurl, 5¾a6; choice green brush that will work up, 5a5½; choice corn or stalk brush, 5a5½; choice covers and insides, 3a5½; inferior, 3 a4½; crooked, 2½a3½.

BUCKWHEAT FLOUR—3¼a4 cents.

CHEESE—Prime Ohio Factory quoted at 14@14½ to the wholesale trade, and 1c additional in a jobbing way. Market is reported firm.

CIDER—Dull, $2.50a3.50 ₱ bbl; barrels included.

CRANBERRIES—Selling at $8@10 per bbl, as to quality and condition.

DRIED FRUITS—Are inactive and prices wholly nominal. The export demand has slacked off, and there is a heavy decline noticed in the eastern markets, the local demand is insignificant. Apples cannot be quoted at over 4 to 4½c for prime to choice. Peaches are quiet; prime halves may be quoted at 10 to 12c, with very limited operations. Fancy evaporated Peaches held at 15 to 18c, for choice peeled halves.

EGGS—The market is steady, with a fair demand but prices remain unchanged, fresh, 27a28c. Picketed, 20a22c.

FLOUR—The market is stronger, but the demand continues light and prices remain unchanged. We continue to quote good brands, of either winter or spring, at $6.50a6.75; patent process and fancy white wheat brands, $8a9. Rye flour, $4¼a4 ₱ bbl. Our Chicago dispatch (of yesterday) reported that market very firm, with holders asking higher rates, and Wheat was reported stronger at all points.

GROCERIES—There is no improvement to note in the demand for goods in this category; our merchants continue to report business very dull, and they have little hope of any increased demand this month; however, December is always a dull month in the grocery trade. Our latest advices from New York at this writing report both Sugar and Coffee quiet.

SUGARS.			
Cut Loaf	11	Standard A	10 a
Crushed	10¾ a	Standard B	10
Granulated	10 a	Standard Ex C	10
Powdered	10 a	Ref. Yellow	9@10

COFFEES.			
Green.		Roasted.	
Choice	24	Best	26
Prime	23	Second Grade	25
Fair	22	Third Grade	23
Java	32	Java	36
		Loose for a cent less.	

SYRUPS.			
Choice	60	Fair	50
Prime	55	Dark	40

MOLASSES.			
Choice new crop N. O.			65a67c
Prime old crop N. O.			60a62c
Fair old crop N. O			50c

TEAS.

Young Hyson	35a0	Japan	40a55
Gunpowder	50a0	Oolong	40a55
Imperial	40a 75	Souchong	35a75

GRAIN—The market for Wheat continues very firm, not only here but elsewhere, and the tendency just now is decidedly upward; good to prime Penna. and Ohio red, $1.30a1.35. Our Cincinnati advices quote at $1.35a1.35 for red Wheat there. The Oat market continues moderately active and steady but unchanged; mixed, 37a38; white, 39a40. There has been little or no change in prices of Rye. Corn is in good demand, and quoted on wharf and track, at 48a50c; new shelled, 50a53; old do, 55a57c. Rye continues quiet and unchanged, and the same is true of Barley. The Chicago Wheat market was unusually strong yesterday.

HAY—Loose quotable at $12a17 per ton from country wagons; baled, on wharf and track, $12 a15.

MILL FEED—The arriva's have been more liberal during the past week and the market is easier in consequence, although there has not been much change in prices. Bran, $12a13; Seconds, Shorts and Shipstuffs, $14a16. Chopped Feed, $18a 20; Middlings, $20a22, as to quality.

OILS—The market remains steady, with a good demand. We quote Procter & Gamble's Oils as follows: Double extra Winter, 92@95; W. Alexander extra do, 82a85; No. 1, 74a75c; No. 2, 58@62. The new make of Miners' oil is lower. P. & G.'s white Winter Miners, 59; yellow do, 54. Carbon, 24a25c.

ONIONS—In fair demand, but quiet and unchanged; $2a2.50 ₱ bbl.

POULTRY—Dressed Chickens, fresh receipts, 11a12c ₱ lb; do. Turkeys, 12a13; old stock, 8a9c per lb less. Live Chickens, 60a70c ₱ pair; do. Turkeys, 70a8f each.

POTATOES—The receipts continue light, and with a steady demand and holders indifferent about selling, prices are firm and advancing; we now quote from store at $1at.10 per bu.

PROVISIONS—Our advices from Cincinnati and Chicago during the past two days, report both of those markets firmer, owing to the more favorable character of the foreign news. Trading in our market continues light, and prices remain unchanged.

Hams—Ex S C ₱ lb	14	Lard, prime leaf, tcs	10¾
Shoulders Ex S C	9¾	Do. kegs	11¾
S'flat Bacons S. C	13½	Do. ½bbls	11¾
Dried Beef Ex S. C	13	Lard, Ref for summer use—in tres	11¾
Beef Tongues S. C. per doz	90	Do. ½bbls	11¾
Bacon Shoulders	10	Do. kegs	12¾
Short Rib Sides	10	Do. 3 lb cadd'es	14
Clear Sides	10½	Do. 3 lb do	13¾
Sides Clear ₱ bbl	9@9.50	Do. 5 lb pails	14
Short Cut do	18.00	Do. 5 lb do	13¾
Ham Sausage	12	Do. 6 lb do	13

RAGS—Steady at 2¾c ₱ 2 for good country mixed.

SUMAC—4½c.

SEEDS—There is little or no movement in this market, and in the absence of sales we omit quotations.

TALLOW—Is reported easier; rough quoted at 4½c; city rendered, 5½c per lb; country, 7¾c.

PITTSBURGH LIVE STOCK MARKET.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, WEDNESDAY, December 6, 1876.

ARRIVALS.

Following shows the aggregate receipts for the week as well as those of preceding week also:

	This week.	Last week.
Cattle	1,340	1,270
Hogs	171	207
Sheep	90	61
Total	801	653

Briggs, Dock & Drum, Commission Merchants for the sale of live stock at the East Liberty Stock Yards, report the markets as follows:

CATTLE.

Of the 540 cars reported for the past week, 318 cars were through and 222 cars local against 287 cars of through, and 160 cars of local preceding week. Sales, 2,476 head; last week, 2,642 head.

In consequence of the largely increased supply, with no corresponding increase in the demand, the market has reacted considerably, as compared with the date of our last report, and prices have declined 10 to 15c per cwt. the decline being the most marked on the common and medium grades. Indeed, some salesmen contended that strictly prime shipping cattle, the supply of which was comparatively light, brought almost if not altogether as much as they did last week. Good feeding cattle were in fair demand, while stockers were dull, as they usually are at this season of the year. Prices may be fairly quoted as follows:

Extra 1,400a1,500 steers.....5.25a5.35
Prime 1,300a1,400 steers.....5.00a5.20
Good 1,200a1,300 steers.....4.90a4.25
Light Stockers, as to quality.....3.25a3.75
Good 1,000a1,100 Feeders.....4.00a4.30
Bulls, Cows and Stags.....3.00a3.50

SHEEP.

The run, as will be seen, has been heavy, more than double that of the preceding week, and as usual the quality common in point of quality, hence while prime grades sold readily at full prices, common and medium grades were dull and lower. Some of the salesmen reported that it is difficult to dispose of common and inferior stock at any price, and we have little occasion to warn shippers that they are worth as much at home in the country as can be obtained here. We had several cars of prime sheep this week (weighing from 100 to 130 lbs) which brought from 5 to 5¼c per lb. As we close our report there are several lots remaining unsold—mostly common. Prices may be quoted as follows:

Extra 84a100 lbs.....4.75a5.00
Prime 84a90 lbs.....4.25a4.50
Good 78a80 lbs.....3.75a4.00
Common 70a75 lbs.....3.25a3.50
Inferior, as to quality.....2.00a3.00

HOGS.

The arrivals have been light during the past week as compared with the week preceding, but with only a moderate demand the market has ruled quiet with but very little change in prices. The market to-day was a little offish, the receipts last night and this forenoon having been somewhat larger than expected, and as we close our report, the indications are, that prices will rule 10a15c per cwt lower within the next 24 hours, as there are a good many left over unsold this afternoon, and but few wanted. Prices quotable as follows:

Philadelphia Hogs.....5.70a6.10
Yorkers.....5.60a6.00
Heights.....4.90a5.50

All drafts must be attached to the original shipping bill, and in no case drawn for more than two-thirds of stock. Please telegraph amount of draft and car Nos.

J. B. Sedwick is our solicitor at Indianapolis, Ind.

BRIGGS, DOCK & DRUM.

Chicago Breadstuffs Market.

FLOUR—Was in better demand for shipment, and stronger. Buyers bid previous prices, and holders generally asked an advance, especially on the best known brands, in sympathy with wheat. Some asked 12½c per bbl more, but few obtained it, the "enhanced pretensions of sellers" checking business. Local dealers took hold moderately. Sales were reported of 50 bbls winters on private terms; 1,200 bbls spring extras, chiefly at $5.25a5.62½; 300 bbls spring extras at $5.50a5.75; and 300 bbls buckwheat flour at $6.50a6.75. Total, 1,900 bbls. The market closed firm at the following range of prices: Choice winter, $6.25a7.25; medium winters, $5a.200; choice spring extras, $5.87½a6.25; medium do, $5.37½a5.62½; shipping extras, $4.75a5; choice patents, $7a7.50; common do, $6a6.50; spring superfines, $3a4. Rye flour, $4a4.12½; Buckwheat do, $6.25a6.75.

Bran—Was quiet and firm. Sale was limited to 10 tons at $10 50 per ton free on board cars, but more would have been paid toward the close had any been offered for sale.

Feed—Sales were 20 tons at $18.50a19 ₱ ton on track.

Corn-Meal—Sales were 20 tons coarse at $14a16.25 ₱ ton on track.

PITTSBURGH DRUG MARKET.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, THURSDAY, December 6, 1876.

Corrected by HARRIS & EWING, Wholesale Druggists, corner Liberty and Tenth streets.

Acac., sorts	25a	Oil, Anise	$3.50a3.70
2d select	40a	Bergan	4.85a5.10
1st select	55a	Cassia	2.00a2.20
Acid, Citric	85a	Castor	1.75a2.00
Oralic	17a	Lemon	3.90a4.40
Tartaric	54a	Linseed R	60a62 gal
Alcohol	2.18a2.30 gal	Linseed B	65a67 gal
Aloes, cape	20a	Neatsfoot	80a1.15 gal
A Barb	40a	Olive	1.25a2.50 doz
Scoot	22	Qts	6.25a6.50 doz
Alum	3¾a 4¾	" Pts	3.25a3.50 doz
Ammo., Aq	7a	Orange	4.50a5.00
Carb	20a	Origanum	50a60
Arnica, Flor	20a	Pennyroyl	1.50
Assafoetida	30a	Peppermint	2.75a4.00
Bals. Copaib	80a	Sassafras	85a90
Canada	90a	Winter's	3.50a3.75
Bay Rum	2.75a4.00 gal	Pot. Bi Carb	35
Bis. Snuff	2.50a2.75	Bi Chrom	22a24
Sub nit	2.00a2.25	Bromide	80a
Blue Mass	60a63	Chlorate	28a
Vitriol	10a11	Iodid	2.70a2.85
Borax, ref'd	14a	Quinine	2.75
Brim., Roll	4a	Root, Gent	8 a12
Flor. sulp	3a	Gin. E. I.	16
Buchu	15a	Gin. Jam.	24
Calomel Am	80a1.05	Ipecac P.	1.40
Camphor ref	70a	Jalap	75
Camwood	8a	Rhubarb	2.00a2.50
Chamo. Ger	18a40	" Pow	2.02a2.50
Rom	1.00a1.25	Sar. Hond	50
Chloral Hyd	2.25	Sar. Mex	28
Chlorofor	90a1.00	Senega	1.00a1.15
Concho, Pale	70a	Spigelia	49
Red	1.80a1.40	Val. Eng.	45
Yellow	20a	" Ger	25
Cochineal	90a	Saffron Am.	50a
Copperas	2a	Sal Ammon	16a
Cream Tar	41a	Epsom	2½a
Cubebs	18a	Glauber	2½a
Dovers Pow'd	1.50a1.60	Rochelle	39
Ergot	1.60	Soda, Ash	2a
Ether, Nit	38a	Seed, Can'y	7¼a
Sulp	70a	Cardam	2.50
Ex. Logw'd	18½a14	Hemp	7¼a
Liqu, Cal	26a	Mustard	12
" Ital	30a	Senna, Alex	30a
Fustic	8a	Worm	24a
Glycer, Pure	75a	Tinnev	28
Bowers	35a	Shellac	40a
Indigo, Man	1.10a1.20	Soap, Castile	11a
S. F.	1.10a1.25	White	18a
Iodine	3.80a4.20	Soda Ash	4a
Iodoform	86 oz	Bi Carb	4½a
Juniper Ber	7a	Sulph. Cry	2.25a2.75
Logwood	2¾a 3¾	Sulphur	2.00a2.50
Madder	12a	Sugar Lead	28a
Magnes, Cal	80a1.00	Turpen, spts	45a
Carb	45	Var. Cooch	1.65a2.50
Manna, Flor	85	Copai	1.00a1.40
Morph, Sul	5.25a5.50oz	Damar	1.35a1.60
Nit. Silver	94 oz	Japan	85a1.25
Opium	8.10	Vened, Red	2½a 4½
Powd	10.80	Whiting	1½a 2½

PITTSBURGH PETROLEUM MARKET.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, WEDNESDAY, December 6, 1876.

The Crude market was steady, with United certificates quoted at $1.70 and immediate shipment at $1.77½a1.80.

Refined was quoted at 26½ delivered in New York and 26¼ in Philadelphia and Baltimore. No change in price to home trade buyers here; 22c.

Oil Barrels firm at $1.20 for countries and $1.30 for city make.

Messrs. F. N. & W. H. Montauban Van Swyndregt's circular, dated Rotterdam Nov. 18, reports thus: The tone of the market is again stronger; the first cargo of Petroleum per steamer "Rotterdam" has arrived, and nearly due are much sought after for consumptive wants, although 6,000 bbls sold at 8¾ a37½f, and now quoted 27a27½f, according to date of sailing; also a few hundred barrels second half of November shipment at 16¾f, for which position 29¾f is now quoted. Contracts per November are firmly held at 28f; or nice lots per December and first half of December at 27f, and 27¼a27½f is now demanded.

The following are the stocks on hand, and shipment afloat and loading:

	1876.	1875.
Bremen, Nov. 17	Bbls. 276,107	414,440
Antwerp, " 17	140,443	261,423
Hamburg, " 18	31,927	34,164
Rotterdam " 18	29,208	25,021
Amsterdam " 18	2,867	7,466
Total	478,613	731,710

RECEIPTS CRUDE OIL VIA. A. V. R. R.

Shipper.	Consignee.	Bbls.
Hutchinson	Prior, Devens & W	964
J. Bushnell	Model o w	1,038
S. Craig	Empire o w	229
S Craig	Hiverside o w	95
Total		2,316

A. V. AND R. AND O. RAILROADS.

Shipper.	Consignee.	Bbls.
American Oil Works	Brough, McK. & Co	Bal. 7,121
Standard Oil Co	Warden, F & Co.	Bal. 1,267
Total		2,380

SHIPMENTS OF REFINED OIL EAST VIA A. V. R. R.

Shipper.	Consignee.	Bbls.
Standard O W	Warden F & Co.	Phila. 2,278
do	Warden F & Co	Bal. 930
Central Refining Co	Central Ref Co	Phila. 374
J. A. McKee	Warden F & Co	do. 100
A. Lyons & Co	Warden, F & Co	do. 200
Total		4,381

Chicago Lumber Market.

The season closes with the receipts of lumber at this port over 131,000,000 ft less than in 1872, and the shipments over 71,000,000 ft below those of the previous year. The receipts from Jan. 1 to Nov. 25 were 711,014,323, 456 ft, against 1,145,514,286 ft in 1875. The shipments were 616,140,470 ft of lumber during the same time in 1876, and 887,173,181 ft in 1875. The receipts of shingles fell off 43,000,000 and the shipments 48,000,000 in round numbers.

Two or three cargoes were sold at the docks, piece stuff bringing $7, and "inch was quoted at $8a14. Nearly all the stragglers are in, and no vessels are now going out for lumber. The offerings at the docks are small and attract little attention. The season closes with manufacturers generally well sold out, and most of them will enter the new season with a small stock of old logs on hand. The logging this winter bids fair to equal if not exceed that of last. A moderate trade, as indicated by the shipments, was in progress at the yards. Prices were steady.—*Tribune.*

Cincinnati Horse Market.

In consequence of the cold weather there were no shipments made during the past week. There are several buyers, however, on the market making purchases for shipment south. But the class of horses wanted are those that are light and cheap, for which from $50 to $85 is being paid. The sales for the week foot up 347 head. There is some demand also for good draft horses, prices ranging from $100 to $150.

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

CHICAGO, December 6, 1876.

FLOUR—Quiet and unchanged.

GRAIN—Wheat unsettled, but generally lower; No. 2 Chicago spring $1,18¾ cash; $1,19¾ January, $1,20¾ February; No. 3 $1,09; rejected 96a96¾c. Corn unsettled and lower; 45c cash, 44¾c January. Oats easier, 33¾c cash; 33¾c January. Rye easier, 72c. Barley weaker, 67½a68c cash; 68¾c January.

PROVISIONS—Pork dull and prices a shade lower; $16.15a16.20 cash; $16.22½a16.25 January; $16.45a16.47½ February; Lard inactive and lower; $9.97½ cash; $10a10.07½ January. Bulk meats steady and unchanged.

WHISKY—Firmer at $1.06½.

On call board wheat closed ½c lower. Corn and oats unchanged. Provisions easier and unchanged.

New York.

NEW YORK, December 6.—Flour: little more doing; receipts 15,000 bbls; superfine western and State $5.50a5.60; common to good $5.65a5.75; good to choice $5.80a8; white wheat extra $5.50a7; extra Ohio $5.65a8.25; St. Louis $7.50a9.90. Rye flour steady at $4.35a5.15. Corn: meal quiet; western $2.75. Wheat: receipts 71,000 bushels; No. 2 Milwaukee nominal, $1.25. No. 2 Chicago spring $1.32a1.33; white Michigan $1.45. Rye quiet; western 81a85c; State 91a95c. Barley quiet; old Canada $1.12. Corn firm; receipts 32,000 bushels; No. 2 Chicago spring $1.32a1.33; white Michigan $1.45. Rye quiet; western 81a85c; State 91a95c. Barley quiet; old Canada $1.12. Corn firm; receipts 32,000 bushels; No. 2 Chicago spring $1.32a1.33; white Michigan $1.45. Rye quiet; western 81a85c; State 91a95c. Barley quiet; old Canada $1.12. Corn firm; receipts 32,000 bushels; No. 2 Milwaukee nominal, $1.25.

HOME NEWS.

The probabilities for to-day are increasing cloudiness and areas of light rain, with temperature generally above freezing, south to west winds, and slight changes in barometer.

Masonic Election.

At a regular meeting for the election of officers, of Sinnekrath Lodge No. 430, A. Y. M., held at the hall in Allegheny, in November, the following were chosen: Jno. W. Taylor, W. M.; A.H. McConnell, S. W.; W. S. Pendlebury, J. W.; E. J. Bubb, Treasurer; Wm. J. Harbison, Secretary; J. L. Hamilton, Jas. McClatchey and W. Albesh Myler, Trustees.

Died of His Injuries.

An account of an accident at the mouth of the Try street tunnel on Tuesday evening, by which a man was terribly mangled, appeared in yesterday's GAZETTE. It was hardly expected that the man would survive his injuries, and such proved to be the case, as he died yesterday forenoon. From a bill found on his clothing it was found that his name was John Moore, Jr., a son of Mr. John Moore, the well known coal operator of Moore's station, on the Connellsville Railroad. As soon as this fact was ascertained the remains were removed to Mr. Moore's residence. The Coroner, by some oversight on the part of the officers of the hospital, had not been notified of the death last evening.

Allegheny County Institute.

To the Editors of the Pittsburgh Gazette:

The impression seems to prevail in the Allegheny Board of Control that Mr. Dickson, County Superintendent, acted presumptuously in the matter of fixing the time for holding the ensuing Annual Institute.

Justice to him requires the statement that the time was fixed upon by the executive committee of the Association, a majority of whom are from the city.

Their action was taken by and with the advice and consent of City Superintendent Davis, who gave positive assurance as early as the May meeting of the committee that there would be no difficulty in the matter, volunteering at the same time to bring the subject, formally, before the Board and promising the support of influential members whom he said he had consulted.

Depending upon Mr. Davis for his influence in the direction promised, the executive committee went forward in their preparation for the institute, announced to commence on the 18th inst., which promises to be the best held for years under the county management, but, unfortunately, the Alleghenny teachers will be deprived of its benefits. C. E. D.

A $1,100 FIRE.

A Frame House Burned on Boquet Street.

About a quarter past ten o'clock last night an alarm of fire was sounded from box 87. It proved to be caused by flames in a frame dwelling house, containing five rooms, on Boquet street, owned by Christ. Weaver. The building was entirely consumed. Loss $1,100; insurance $700.

BREVITIES.

····No new cases of small-pox have been reported for several days.

····A runaway team of horses at the lower end of Penn avenue, last evening, destroyed a number of front steps and two or three lamp-posts.

····Fred. Wendell, who with a partner stole a lot of valuable jewelry from Alex. McKeag's residence on Penn avenue the other evening, gave bail yesterday for trial at court.

····The Committee on Markets, of Allegheny, met last evening. They agreed to reduce the rent on the store rooms in the market fifteen per cent. A number of bills were approved.

····A show case was stolen from in front of Reineman's furnishing store, on Penn avenue, near Eleventh street, Tuesday evening. It contained articles valued at twenty-five dollars.

····Francis Murphy will hold a temperance meeting in the Fifth avenue M. P. Church this evening at 7:30 P. M., for men only. Nearly three hundred men signed the pledge last night.

····Owing to an error in the proceedings by which the *Evening Telegraph* was sold, the sale has been set aside by mutual consent, and the paper will again be offered for sale next Tuesday.

····John Kemp and Martin Alexander had a hearing before the Mayor yesterday, on a charge of felonious assault and battery, in shooting at John C. Cronin, and were committed for trial.

····A gentleman named Wm. Copeland, who boarded on Boyle street, Allegheny, has been missing for over two weeks. His friends are very anxious about him and fear he has met with foul play.

····A special meeting of Allegheny Councils will probably be held on Friday evening to instruct the Mayor to issue his proclamation for the election of Councilmen in the Twelfth and Thirteenth Wards.

····A citizen writes to Chief Hamilton that a vicious horse has been repeatedly tied on Wood street, below Virgin alley, and amuses itself by biting onslaughts on pedestrians with teeth and forelegs. It will be abated as a nuisance.

····It has been suggested that City Physician Cole, of Allegheny, might exhibit a more cheerful alacrity in responding to calls to attend injured who are broke up, and not make it necessary to have another physician called to attend to these matters.

····The Pittsburgh Womens' Literary Club met Tuesday at the residence of Mrs. Dr. Ramsey, and discussed "Literature in France in the Seventeenth Century." The next meeting will be held on the third Tuesday of this month, when the same subject will again be considered.

····On Saturday evening the conference meeting of the Allegheny Councils Committee and representatives of the Fort Wayne Railroad Company, will be held to consider the matter of the new depot. The railroad representatives will submit plans of the proposed building.

····Mr. Sol. Schoyer on Tuesday, at the suggestion of the Board of Pardons, had an interview with Governor Hartranft in reference to the pardon of Grier. Mr. Schoyer had to leave for New York in the evening, but requested Mr. Rutan, who is in Harrisburg, to attend to the matter. It is believed the Board will grant the pardon.

····The Ordinance Committee met yesterday and again referred to Councils with an affirmative recommendation the ordinance fixing the number of committees of Councils and for the establishment of a fund to be used in the pursuit of criminals. The ordinance fixing the salary of the Mayor was held under consideration.

····On Tuesday night about eight o'clock Mrs. Reinzlehausen, wife of one of the members of the Hope Engine Company, was assaulted on Corry street and the pocket torn out of her dress and carried off by a man. Her husband has been paid off for the previous month on that day, and the thief probably thought she had the money with her.

····The semi-annual meeting of the Allegheny County Literary Association will be held to-morrow afternoon and evening, in the hall of the Western University. The business of the Association will be attended to in the afternoon, and in the evening there will be interesting literary exercises by delegates from different societies of the county, interspersed with music.

····A rumor that Hon. James S. Rutan, the new Collector of Customs at this port, is a candidate for State Treasurer, is thus answered by the Beaver *Argus and Radical*: "We are authorized to say that Mr. Rutan has not been, is not now, and will not be a candidate for State Treasurer. He never even so much as thought of it, and therefore, the above announcement is the merest fiction so far as he is concerned."

····During last week seventeen cases of cruelty to animals and two of cruelty to children were reported. Two boys were found begging at hotels, and on going to their respective homes the officers found it was no charity to give them money, as they have intemperate parents. This evening a grand concert will be given for the benefit of the Society by the Allegheny Quartette Club, assisted by J. T. Irwin, the violinist, and the choir of Christ Church. The entertainment will be an admirable one and should be well attended.

····The Committee on Wharves and Landings, of Allegheny, met last evening and approved a number of bills. The Wharfmaster was directed to collect from Kopp & Voegtley wharfage for lumber landed outside of their leased premises. The eastern district Master was directed to confer with the City Solicitor in regard to collecting the wharfage from Shallenberger & Co., and follow his instructions in the matter. The ordinance referred to the committee by Councils providing for a consolidation of the wharf districts was returned with a negative recommendation.

····The South Side *Herald* says: "It seems that some of our manufacturers have taken a practical step toward checking the small-pox. One hundred and forty of Lewis, Oliver & Phillips' employes (lower mill) were vaccinated on last Saturday. A member of the firm informed us the other day that in 1871, when the small-pox raged so fearfully on the South Side, and twelve of the employes of the mill at Tenth street had taken the disease, they had their employes vaccinated at the expense of the company, and it resulted in completely checking the disease among the workmen. One large, robust German, who refused to be vaccinated, died of the disease in less than two weeks afterwards."

French Bread.

The following parties are agents for our fine breads in neighboring towns:

G. Wilson Miller & Bro., Butler, Pa.
John Agne, Sewickley, Pa.
A. T. Dorrington, Hazelwood, Pa.
Ira Hatheway, Petrolia, Pa.
J. B. Wilson, Washington, Pa.
J. A. Moody, Youngstown, O.

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BARON BURNING.

Cremation at Washington, Pa.

AN INNOVATION (?) OF CHRISTIAN CUSTOMS.

The Realization of a Cherished Idea.

A DESCRIPTION OF THE CREMATORY.

The Incineration Complete in Two Hours and Forty Minutes --Preparation of the Body for the Flames--Observations During the Process -- Meeting of Scientists -- The Subject of Cremation Fully Discussed.

The town of Washington, Pa., was yesterday the objective point of a larger number of scientific men and representatives of the press than has ever visited any other country town in the United States at one time, and the scene enacted there will give the town a notoriety and a place in history now beyond the reach of any other city, town or hamlet in the United States, as it was there the first public innovation on what we are wont to term and consider the rite or custom of Christian burial was made; the first public cremation of a human body, in a furnace or retort constructed expressly for that purpose. Several months since Dr. F. Julius Le Moyne, a public spirited, energetic and enterprising, but somewhat eccentric citizen of Washington, announced a preference for cremation as against inhumation, and declared his intention of having a furnace erected for the purpose of disposing of the dead in that manner, proposing to be the first subject himself, as he has for several years been suffering with *diabetes*, which he says must prove fatal soon, and having already lived out the number of days men are usually permitted to remain in this world, he feared, that if he should delay the work, dissolution might come before his plans were matured and his arrangements for the gratification of his desires in that respect complete, and work was begun on the cremation furnace.

THE PROJECT DENOUNCED.

The declaration of these intentions by Dr. Le Moyne caused the good people of Washington as well as in many other places, to shudder with horror, and the project was very gravely denounced as an innovation upon Christian customs, and some of the more excited declared it to be profane and sacreligious, and others said that it was only one of the Doctor's eccentricities, which would never be realized; that when the time came he would change his mind and be buried like other Christians; but they reckoned without their host. Full forty years ago this same eccentric gentleman entertained political opinions which then were considered far in advance of the age, and were denounced more vehemently, than were his views on cremation, yet he has lived to see them realized in the emancipation of human slavery in the United States. He is called eccentric because he lives in advance of the people around him. When the work on the furnace was actually begun, loud and long were the protestations against it, but without effect upon the Doctor, whose argument in favor of cremation was its economy, and that in a sanitary point of view it was preferable to inhumation, and the furnace was completed, and he has lived to see the

REALIZATION OF HIS CHERISHED IDEA.

Dr. LeMoyne, when he constructed the crematory on "Gallows Hill," about one mile south of the center of the town, fully expected that his would be the first human body reduced to ashes within the retort constructed for that purpose, it was then not yet completed when he received an application from Henry S. Alcott, of New York, President of the Theosophic Society of that city, and one of the executors of Joseph Henry Louis Charles, Baron De Palm, a German nobleman, who died in New York on the 20th of May last, at the age of sixty-seven years, for permission to cremate the body of the Baron, who had requested that such a disposition be made of his remains. Permission was granted, and yesterday fixed as the day.

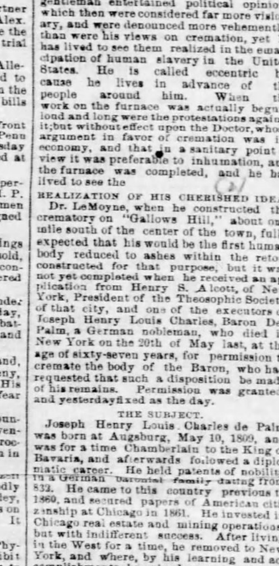
THE SUBJECT.

Joseph Henry Louis Charles de Palm was born at Aschaffenburg, May 10, 1809, and was for a time Chamberlain to the King of Bavaria, and afterwards followed a diplomatic career. He held patents of nobility from various [illegible] dating from 832. He came to this country previous to 1860, and secured papers of American citizenship at Chicago in 1861. He invested in Chicago real estate and mining operations, but with indifferent success. After living in the West for a time, he went to New York, and where, by his learning and accomplishments, he gained an entrance into the society of literary men and scientists. He aided in organizing the Theosophical Society, and became one of its prominent members. The Baron had always taken a deep interest in philosophical and scientific research, and the line of study pursued by the Theosophical Society aroused his earnest attention. The purpose of the society is to study the history of ancient mystic symbols, religion and science, the psychological powers of man and his relation to the laws of nature. They seek to obtain knowledge of the nature and attributes of the Supreme Power by inquiring into physical laws; to study the Supreme being by processes directly opposed to the lessons of revelation. Baron de Palm devised all his worldly possessions to Henry S. Alcott, President, in trust for the society, and left instructions that his funeral should be a simple ceremonial in accordance with the rites of the ancient Egyptian ritual, and he expressed a wish that no Christian clergyman should be present at the funeral. The body was embalmed and, since the funeral, has been in the receiving vault of the Lutheran Cemetery, at New York.

THE FIERY FURNACE.

Before entering upon the details of the burning, it will be necessary to give a brief description of the building and furnace in which the body of the Baron was reduced to its primordiate condition, which, with the accompanying diagram, will give the reader a more comprehensive idea of how it was done. The building is a one story brick structure 20x30 feet, divided into two apartments--A reception room and furnace room. The former room is 18x20, and is plainly furnished with chairs, tables, &c. The furnace room is 18x9, and the furnace occupies about one half the space, as will be understood from the following

DIAGRAM OF THE BUILDING.



THE PREPARATIONS.

In order to secure the required degree of heat to reduce the body to ashes, fire was kindled in the furnace at noon Tuesday, and was kept burning constantly until eight o'clock yesterday morning, when it was estimated that it was about 2,300 Fahrenheit, which was considered warm enough for the purpose intended. The body vey ed direct from the depot to the crematory, had been removed from the coffin on its arrival there and prepared for the furnace. A sheet thoroughly soaked in a solution of alum to render it impervious to the heat, was wrapped around the body, from which the intestines had been removed by the embalming process, and it was laid upon the crib or cradle, made of half inch found iron to permit the air to pass under the body during cremation, in order to secure more perfect and hasty combustion. Upon this lay during the night.

THE BURNING.

At an early hour in the morning the scientific men, journalists and the parties more directly interested in the enterprise or experiment, repaired to the crematory by carriage, omnibus and on foot, and on arriving there found quite a number of country people assembled, anxious to witness the cremation. The scientists and newspaper men were admitted to the building, and Col. Alcott, after the body of the Baron had been inspected, strewed myrrh, frankincense, cassia and spices upon it. It was then ornamented with pea blossoms, callow leaves, immortelles, primroses, smilax and a sprig of mignonette, all indicative of the immortality of the soul. The urn destined to receive the ashes was then placed upon the top of the furnace, just above the retort.

At half past eight o'clock, all things being ready, Col. Alcott, Mr. Newton, and Drs. Asdale and Le Moyne took their positions round the crib upon which the body lay, the first two named being at the head, and Col. Alcott announced that the cremation would now begin. The audience arose and removed their hats, and the four gentlemen named took hold of the crib, one at each corner, and started for the furnace, when a slight disagreement occurred between Col. Alcott and Dr. LeMoyne, the former contending that the body should go in feet first, while Dr. Le Moyne insisted that it should go

HEAD FOREMOST,

to insure successful cremation, and, as is customary with the Doctor, he gained his point, or "had his way," and the Baron, on the 94 pounds that remained of him, was shoved into the retort head first, and the doors were closed. A slight puff of smoke arising from burning flowers, issued from the door before it was closed, and a faint odor of the myrrh and spices was noticeable. At nine o'clock the skull had fallen to one side, and the bones of the skeleton began to show through the sheet, which remained intact so far as could be ascertained. Ten minutes later the ribs showed plainly. The evergreens still resisted the intense heat, as did also the winding sheet. At half-past nine the flowers had disappeared, but the sheet still preserves its form, not a break appearing in it. At ten o'clock the skeleton alone remains, presenting a dark red appearance in contrast with the white flame by which it was surrounded. At 10:30 Dr. Le Moyne and Col. Olcott, the retort having been opened for the purpose, with the aid of the iron poker, shoved the crib to the back part of the retort, when the skeleton crumbled to ashes, and the Doctor announced that the incineration was complete. The furnace doors were then opened, the door of the retort, however, being kept closed to prevent it from cooling too rapidly. The door was then opened and the crowd outside were permitted to pass in and look into the retort, which was continued until the curiosity of all present was gratified.

THE PLOT TO STEAL THE BODY.

As previously stated, there is a strong sentiment against Dr. Le Moyne and cremation in Washington, and as is usual in such cases, much of it is without cause. So strong was the feeling that a plot was arranged and fully matured to steal the body of the deported Baron on Tuesday night and bury it, but some of the more discreet persons who opposed cremation were informed of the plot, and by wise counsel prevented it. The plan was to visit the crematory, having a supply of whisky, and induce the watchman to drink, and after getting him drunk, induce him to sleep while one of the conspirators would stand watch, and then to carry off the body and bury it in a secluded place.

THE VISITORS.

There was not as many scientific men present as were anticipated, owing, it is thought, to the publication of the notice that none but invited guests would be admitted in the building. Many physicians of the surrounding towns and cities would have put in an appearance had they thought it possible to gain admission. Dr. Asdale and Kingwere the only persons present from this city. Dr. Folsom from Boston, Dr. Otterson from Brooklyn, and Dr. Hupp from Wheeling, were the only medical men present. In fact the only class fully represented was newspaper men. All the leading journals in the county had representatives present, and without them the attendance would have been meagre, indeed.

THE RECEPTACLE.

The vase or urn which is to be the receptacle of the Baronial ashes, is an urn-shaped clay vessel, with handles on either side, ornamented with flowers in Eastern style, and has an antique appearance. It will hold about a half gallon. It was presented to Col. Alcott by a friend from the East for the purpose to which it is to be devoted. The ashes will be placed in it, a glass cover sealed on and the urn and its contents will be taken to New York, where disposed of as the Colonel shall hereafter determine.

SCIENTISTS IN COUNCIL.

At two o'clock yesterday a meeting was held in the Town Hall for the purpose of discussing the relative merits and demerits of cremation and inhumation. The meeting was organized by calling Burden Chase to the chair, who, in a brief address, stated the object of the meeting, after which he introduced Col. Alcott to the audience, who delivered a lengthy address on the

HISTORY OF CREMATION.

Col. Alcott, after a few introductory remarks, dwelt at length upon the history of cremation. He referred to the different modes of disposing of the dead, from Adam to the present time, and showed by historical facts that the cremation was not a new idea; that it had been practiced for centuries back. He also held that it was not a relict of barbarism, as it had been the practice among some of the most enlightened nations of the earth; that it was not unchristian because it had been practiced by christian people. He held that it was a more speedy process of returning to earth the dust of which the body is composed, than in interment. He illustrated this idea in a wealth of words, language and historical knowledge, which almost leads one to believe that there is nothing grave in the subject he is discussing.

A SANITARY VIEW.

The next speaker was James King, of this city, who treated the subject from a sanitary standpoint. After a quotation from scripture, "Dust thou art, and to dust shalt thou return," he said thong our bodies were destined to decomposition there is that in our natures that we often times treat it with respectful care, that we often spend over the body of friend though it no more to him than his cast off clothing. The disposal of the remains of the dead, he said, had interested mankind in all periods of his history. Various methods and customs have prevailed in relation thereto, but none to change the eternal decree, as in the words, "The dust shall return to the earth as it was." The vital force which builds up and holds together the components of the organized structure operates only during life. According to the law of Nature, as soon as life ceases the body begins to disintegrate, and eventually its components separate into the elementary forms of matter, out of which it was constructed. If actuated by a desire to hasten the process, you may hasten the process, as by the method of forming instituted here this day--if moved, on the other hand, by the futile hope of securing for the body an endless preservation by embalming the "thermetic seal," or otherwise, you may retard the process, but can do nothing more. "The dust shall return to the earth as it was." Time will unlock any "prison house" in which you would confine it, and let its atoms fly whethersoever in the domain of nature their affinities may lead them.

Now, if by the combustion of the body you effect the separation of its element, the result occurs by a rapid, purifying, healthful process. The gases it contains are dissipated upon the air without forming injurious combinations; its fluids are dispersed in harmless vapors and the earthy solids, purified by fire, remain as ashes, which may be gathered into urns if you wish, as sometimes practiced in classic Greece and Rome.

MR. N. K. WADE'S REMARKS.

Mr. N. K. Wade, of Columbus, Ohio, was the next speaker. The following is a synopsis of his remarks:

The reducing of a human body to ashes, simply safely and surely is no easy thing. There is no particular trouble in the simple act of burning flesh and bones; the ancients did this constantly; it happens every time an overcrowded tenement house takes fire. Now, when you come to the simple resolution of the aqueous and gaseous portions of the human frame, would there be any wonderful difficulty of doing it, if these fluids and vapors were where we could get at them? The incineration is by no means easy; these vaporizable and combustible portions are so involved in tissues, and require such varied chemical construction, that they are hard to reach; we wish to preserve the ashes of the departed; hence the body must be burnt in such a manner, and in such a receptacle that these remains may be gathered. Then this must be done thoroughly; this needs an intense heat. It must be done decently; hence dissection of the body, which would aid in the combustion, should be avoided; to do this requires thought, and, what we have not as yet experienced, though the last experiment has thrown much light on the subject.

The cremating furnace in Washington, Pa., is simply a reverberating furnace, where the flames are made to surround a vessel containing the body to be burnt. The vessel is similar to the ordinary gas retort --it is of fire clay some six inches to one-half inches thick, and of size sufficient to contain the largest human body. One of its peculiar features is the arrangement whereby the gasses evolved from the burning body are passed into the flame of the furnance--thus they are rendered harmless and inoffensive. This is effected by having a flue pass from the top of the retort and discharge these gasses into the hottest part of the fire, where they are either consumed or pass up the chimney. The details of the furnace would hardly be made intelligible without drawings, but this will serve to show its general nature--it is a fire place, where a body is to be roasted, which will keep the parts intact, is exposed to a heat sufficient to expel the aqueous and gaseous portions, and reduce the incombustible portions to inoffensive ashes.

Some idea of the heat required in this arrangement may be had when we learn that in the late cremation some thirty-six hours and some two thousand pounds of coke were consumed. This amount of fuel in a properly constructed boiler would evaporate some seven tons of water, but in this case the desiccated body exposed to the action of this flame weighed but ninety-two pounds. The difficulty lies principally in the nature of the subject to be burnt, in the manner in which that which can be consumed or evaporated is situated. Thus the work of to-day is but an experiment, and many superior methods were well enough known to its projector, but under the circumstances were inapplicable. Then, if it would have been done, it would have been well to have exposed the body *directly* to the flame, and to have that flame produced, not from coal, but from gas, which could have been made to impinge upon the surface of the body. For thus cause the hydro-carbon evolved in the furnace to burn fiercely, and thus aid in the combustion. But the location of the crematory forbids these applications, and resort could only be had to the process done here. Enough was done to show the *perfect* success of the methods used--methods which show that incineration can be accomplished in a manner at once scientific, civilized and Christian.

The Doctor then referred to the fact that disease might be, and doubtless was, spread by water being poisoned from decomposing bodies, and gave many strong reasons why some other than inhumation should be adopted for disposing of our dead. In answer to objections that might be raised against cremation, he said in conclusion: "But some one will interpose the question, are not those bodies to be reconstructed? Yea, verily! And if gross matter is required for the purpose it will be at hand. Matter is indestructible; its atoms change their places, forming new combinations in an endless series, but none are ever lost. All matter, every particle and atom of it is in the safe and eternal keeping of Him who is "the Resurrection and the Life," who will change our vile bodies, that they may be fashioned like unto His glorious body, according to the workings whereby He is able to subdue all things unto Himself." We do not, therefore, concern ourselves about the disintegrating body. It has the sure promise of a resurrection, not made subject to any contingency of regathering the scattered dust. It is changed that it may be fashioned after a better model. "It is sown a natural body--it is raised a spiritual body." "We shall be changed, for this corruption must put on incorruption, and this must put on immortality."

A QUESTION OF FEELING AND PUBLIC HEALTH.

Rev. George P. Hays, President of Washington and Jefferson College, was the next speaker. The question, he said, of the burial of the dead was one to be decided by the welfare of the living. Nothing of good or evil can come of it to the dead, no matter what is done, more to nothing in the word of God that was intended to control the subject. Nor is the subject of the resurrection of the dead in any way affected by it. In his judgment, he said, it was a question of feeling and public health, and that his feelings resisted the suggestion. To place himself on record aright, he said, he did not commit himself to cremation by making the address.

In a sanitary point of view he said there could be no question that in thickly populated places the burial of the dead could not be accomplished without liability to spread disease.

BOYD CRUMRINE, ESQ.

The next speaker, Boyd Crumrine, held that cremation was a matter of taste. He thought it was as appropriate as any. He concerned it was in favor of cremation as against inhumation.

Dr. Lemoyne was the next speaker, but his views are so well known on the subject that it is unnecessary to reproduce them.

The meeting then adjourned.

THE NATION'S TRUST.

The Sum of $150,000 Ready for the City, But It Can't Receive It.

A special meeting of the Finance Committee was held yesterday afternoon to take action in conformity with the resolution passed by Councils on Monday in relation to the Nation Trust Company.

Mr. George Shiras, attorney for the company, appeared before the Committee and stated that his client was ready to pay $150,000 in cash, but they expect to increase that amount to $165,909 by the 15th inst., and probably to $173,000. He urged that the $150,000 be accepted, and securities be accepted for the balance due.

Inasmuch as it was distinctly understood on Monday that the stockholders had $165,000 ready to pay over, Mr. Shiras' statement created considerable astonishment. The resolution as passed by Councils made it obligatory upon the Treasurer to accept the money on hand, $150,000, and therefore he has an excuse for not doing so. Mr. Shiras' proposition to pay $150,000 could not be entertained. City Attorney Bigelow stated that the duty of the committee in the premises is simply to examine and pass upon the securities. A committee, consisting of Messrs. Wainwright, Littell, Brown, Fox and Nesbit, was appointed to examine the mortgages and other securities to be accepted for the remaining $75,000, and will meet at the office of Maj. W. B. Negley this afternoon. This sub-committee will report to the general committee at a called meeting.

A resolution for the payment of $1,265 to Wm. Copeland for damage done his property by the grading of Madison street was returned to Councils with an affirmative recommendation.

A petition of property owners on Duquesne Way asking to be relieved from the assessment of the costs of regrading, repaving and curbing that street and sidewalks, was negatively returned to Councils.

A petition of Charlotte Blume for the remitting of taxes on a house that has had no existence since it was burned down, but was never rebuilt, was affirmatively recommended to Councils.

A number of bills were approved and ordered paid, and after the transaction of some business of minor importance, the committee adjourned.

PERSONAL.

***Bishop Simpson, of the M. E. church, is in the city.

***Mrs. Chanfrau is still confined to her bed in this city with malarial fever. Her engagements must, of course, lay over until she recovers.

***Mrs. S. P. Nimen, daughter of the late Dr. S. R. Holmes, died Tuesday evening. The funeral services will be held in Trinity church this afternoon.

Swan Mills Flour.

This new brand of flour, manufactured by Messrs. Marshall, Kennedy & Co., under the Swan Mills process, possesses real significance in its name, being of unusual whiteness and of a superior general excellence. The process of its manufacture is especially directed to the making of a flour that will hold good to the winter season. This result has been secured, and the flour will rise easily, and instead of the loaf drying out and becoming woody, tasteless and insipid after being baked a few days, it retains its moisture and flavor. For sale by all grocers and at the mills.

EXTENSIVE FUR HOUSE.

Unrivalled Stock and Lower Prices than Ever at Fleming & Oglevee's, 139 Wood Street--Great Improvement in Styles Over Those of Last Season--No Other House Equal to this One in Any Respect--Goods Warranted as Represented.

The season for procuring furs has now fully arrived, at least one will judge so who had witnessed the crowds, the past few days, wending their way to the old, reliable and well established house of Fleming & Oglevee, 139 Wood street, between Fifth and Sixth avenues.

LADIES' FURS AT A GREAT REDUCTION.

This brief sentence which forms our subhead is a sufficient explanation for the large number of ladies who now daily visit this house. The lower prices are not to be told, and that is that invariably every visitor is agreeably disappointed in seeing a finer and larger display of goods than they anticipated, and also that prices are correspondingly low. These facts have produced quite a sensation, caused by the ladies who have made purchases with which they were highly delighted, telling their lady acquaintances of the bargain they have just made, and showing the furs they have bought. This is convincing, and the next thing the lady does is to be informed her friend where she procured her handsome furs, known is, that her friend has gone and done likewise, that is, has also visited Fleming & Oglevee's establishment and purchased an elegant set of furs. All goods are marked down to bottom prices, and the one price system is strictly adhered to.

SEAL, MINK, SABLE AND OTTER.

As every lady likes to be in the fashion, all desire to know the style of furs that will be most worn. For the information of all such, we will add, that seal, mink, sable and otter are the fashionable and leading furs this season. They are among the most desirable and beautiful that can be worn.

SEAL SACQUES.

The style of seal sacques has been greatly changed since last year, being now made not only much longer, but also as to fit the wearer, which is, as all will acknowledge, a great and very desirable improvement. This old and reliable house is now displaying an

IMMENSE LINE OF THE NEWEST STYLES OF FURS AND SHAPES,

embracing a fine assortment of ladies' seal sacques, seal sets, seal hats and turbans, mink sable cloaks, mink sable sets, fine otter sets, in fact all the various kinds and qualities of ladies', misses' and children's furs that are in the market.

NO MISREPRESENTATIONS ARE MADE

in this house. The firm guarantee all goods to be of the kind and quality as represented, and their representations can be relied upon, as they are widely known as fair and honorable in all their dealings with their numerous patrons.

Mohammed, in the Koran, makes cleanliness a religious injunction, and in his description of Paradise, rippling streams form a large part, with lovely houris to act as laundry women and *femmes de chambre*. Had he shown as much as people at the present time an exhaustless magazine of R. T. Babcock's Best Soap would have been included in the Moslem heaven.

Swan Mills.

On the Decline.

The tendency of all fancy goods is to decline in price. F. H. Eaton & Co., 25 Fifth avenue, open to-day a full line of colors in a new silk bow for Ladies at the very low price of 25 cents. They also show many new styles of the more elaborate bows and ties, all at popular prices.

GENUINE

Camel's Hair Shawls.

We have just opened an assortment of India Camel's Hair Shawls, of which we invite inspection.

HUGUS & HACKE,
Fifth avenue and Market street.

The Grand Central Hotel, New York, leads in the popular demand for low prices. It has reduced its rates from $4.00 to $2.50 and $3.00 per day.

Swan Mills.

Straws, Splints, Scrap Books and Pictures, Lighters, Fancy Papers, &c., for Xmas Decorations, best and largest assortment at

GEORGE W. BACKOFEN'S,
No. 161 Smithfield street.

LADIES' AND GENT'S FURS.

Great Bargains in Seal Skin Sacques, Muffs and Boas--Mink Sable and all Grades of Furs--Full Assortment of Misses' and Children's Furs--Also Gents' Gloves and Caps.

We have the largest stock in the city, all of which we will sell at greatly reduced prices. All the latest styles in Hats received daily.

Agents for Knox and Youman's Silk and Stiff Hats.

McCORD & CO.,
131 Wood Street.

Very Amusing.

The long, labored articles that appear from time to time attempting to prove the existence of great merit in their respective pianos seem to be all lost on a Pittsburgh public, as the solid good sense of the people of this community cannot be taken by chaff, and especially is this so among the better and more intelligent classes of our community. Of course, there is now, and always will be, some people who will buy a certain make, whatever it may be, from prejudice, or preconceived and often erroneous notions, or who have no confidence in their own judgment, and indeed will scarcely trust themselves to do anything on their own independent judgment. These folk, of course, will buy a piano on the strength of their uncle or somebody else's uncle having one of the same kind, no matter whether good, bad, or indifferent. But such cases are becoming more rare every day, and just in proportion as people allow their own better judgment to control them, we find the matchless Decker Piano being bought more and more. No one will question the fact that the community at large is much better educated musically and qualified to judge the merits of a piano now than two or three years ago. Now, we ask in all candor, what is the use of trying to befuddle people's senses with long articles that they cannot understand any better than the pretended judges who write them? --especially the ludicrous manner in which the awards were made at the Centennial. Why don't they do as the Decker Brothers do--spend their money making the unquestioned *best* pianos the world has ever produced (so pronounced by all competent judges), instead of spending it in large advertisements and attempts at bribing public opinion, and then have to put in cheap material and labor in their pianos to make up their loss? Now, we will just submit one little proposition to show whether the milk is in the cocoa-nut. We have been so well known on the subject that it is unnecessary to reproduce them.

The meeting then adjourned.

Swan Mills.

A Surprise.

It is a surprise to many that we can offer our CLOTH CLOAKS at prices so much less than those charged for the same goods when made to order. The reason is this: The material is purchased direct from importers and by the case, and the coats are made by the hundreds. By charging a slight advance on first cost we save our customers the usual large profits and largely extend our own trade. F. H. Eaton & Co., 25 Fifth avenue.

Toys and Fancy Goods.

The city and country dealers will find our stock to be the largest and best in the city. We guarantee satisfaction in prices and quality J. D. Thompson & Co.'s, 176 and 178 Wood street.

Swan Mills.

New, Rare and Elegant.

In the purchase of holiday gift goods, parties often make extended search to discover something really new and of novel design. There seems to be more gratification, both on the giver and receiver, when the gift is somewhat out of the common. To supply this want, Messrs. Wendel & Sheafer, jewelers, No. 54 Fifth avenue, made careful examination of goods at the Centennial Exposition, and, having found an assortment which would be elegant and popular in this latitude, secured the stock, which they now have for sale at their store, 54 Fifth avenue. Their assortment is of the choicest and most beautiful and unique design, and admirably calculated for holiday presents. In all other goods pertaining to a first-class jewelry store, their stock is full, complete and varied, offering customers a rare opportunity for making suitable selections. Visit their house, inspect their goods, with which you can not fail to be pleased, and when you learn the low figures at which such excellence of quality is offered, you must be still better pleased.

Swan Mills.

A Good Drive.

Of fifty ALL WOOL French Basket Cloth Long Coats at $15. May be seen at F. H. Eaton & Co.'s, 25 Fifth avenue. Ladies may feel assured that the above is a bargain is now offered in this city, and that the supply of these cloaks will last but a few days.

One Price.

Are you in search of good, durable winter clothing? There is a popular house in our midst, with a large and fashionable stock of the very best ready-made Clothing on hand, and for sale at popular prices, styles of the season, and in the matter of workmanship and fit has no superior. The goods are sold very low, and the motto of the house is "One Price," which secures fair and uniform treatment to all customers alike. You can buy as good a suit at the Boston Clothing House, No. 95 Smithfield street, for twenty dollars, as the man of means and the aristocrat will pay fifty dollars for at some establishment of high sounding name. No. 95 Smithfield street.

Swan Mills.

Preservation of the Teeth.

Messrs. Gillespie & Wade, dentists, of 246 Penn avenue, are gaining high encomiums from their numerous patrons for the successful manner in which they have operated on their teeth. The firm are adepts in their line, whether it be in the way of filling teeth, furnishing an artificial set, extracting teeth, or doing anything that comes within the bounds of their profession. Parties should be careful not to allow their teeth to decay from want of care, but should get them examined to learn their true condition, which precaution will save years of regret. Don't fail to call on the above named firm, who never fail to do work satisfactorily.

Fine Jewelry.

All who propose to invest in jewelry have a splendid opportunity to do so in the closing out sale of J. M. Moffatt & Co., 123 Fifth avenue, just above Smithfield street. All those elegant Watches, Silverware, Novelties, etc., etc., must be sold by January 1st. Great bargains can be obtained.

Swan Mills.

Dolls! Dolls!! Dolls!!!

We have over one hundred varieties, together with a large assortment of Toys and Fancy Goods at wholesale and retail. Don't forget the place and number. J. D. Thompson & Co., 176 and 178 Wood street.

Bare Wrists

Are productive of cold hands. To keep your wrists warm, secure a pair of those elegant SPRING PULSE HEATERS made of Seal, Otter or Beaver Fur, to be had of F. H. Eaton & Co., 25 Fifth avenue.

What shall we do to sweeten our breath? To keep our teeth from decay and death? What shall we do to harden our gums? To drive off tartar and scurf when it comes? What shall we do? How really you won't do anything, but SOZO DONT.

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A very excellent and cheap assortment the latest styles of furniture, at the lowest prices in the city at James Milliken & Co.'s 89 Smithfield street.

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The Great Run

That was made on our CELLULOID CORAL Jewelry left our stock at a very low ebb. We take pleasure in announcing that we have to-day received a new and complete assortment, which we have marked low. F. H. Eaton & Co., 25 Fifth avenue.

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FORTY-FOURTH CONGRESS.

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SENATE.

Aid to Railroads.

Mr. WINDOM introduced a bill to extend the provisions of the act of July 4th, 1876, making an additional grant of land to Minnesota to aid in the construction of railroads in that State. Ordered on the table for the present.

Standing Committees.

The Standing Committees were then announced, and it was ordered that all bills and petitions heretofore presented be referred to the appropriate committees.

Southern Election Investigation.

Mr. MORTON said the resolution regarding the inquiry into the late elections in certain Southern States imposed on the Committee on Privileges and Elections important and arduous labors, and on his motion three additional members were appointed.

Chinese Immigration.

On motion of Mr. MORTON it was ordered that the testimony taken by the special committee to examine into the question of Chinese immigration be printed.

Troops at Petersburg, Va.

Mr. WITHERS called up the resolution submitted by him yesterday, requesting the President to inform the Senate, if not incompatible with the public interest, whether troops of